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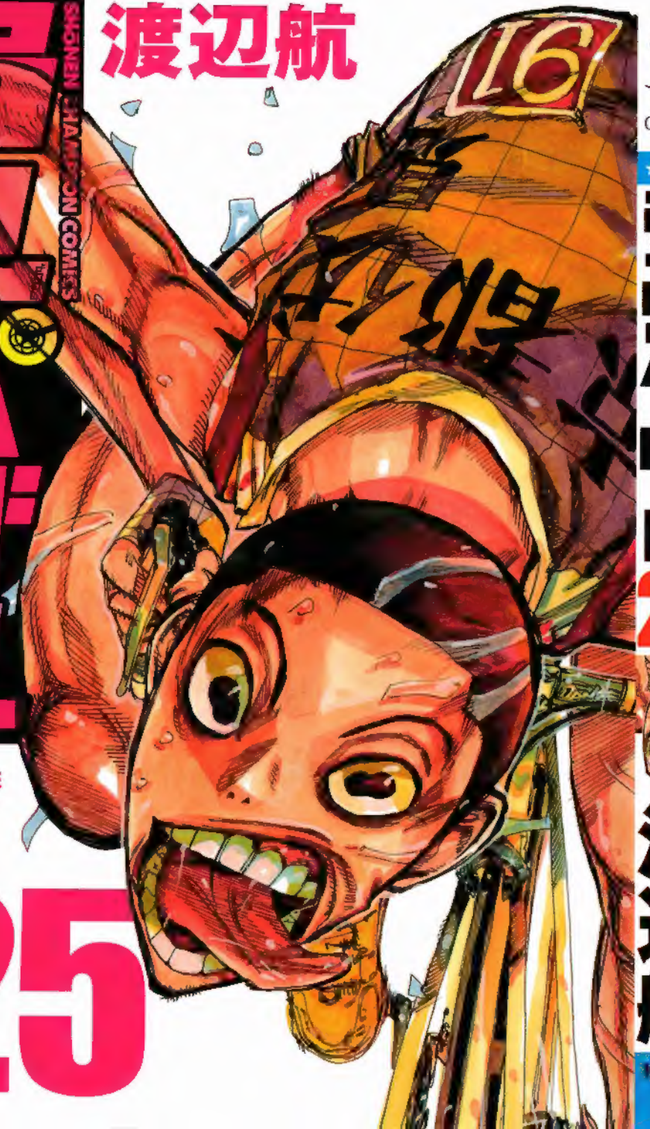

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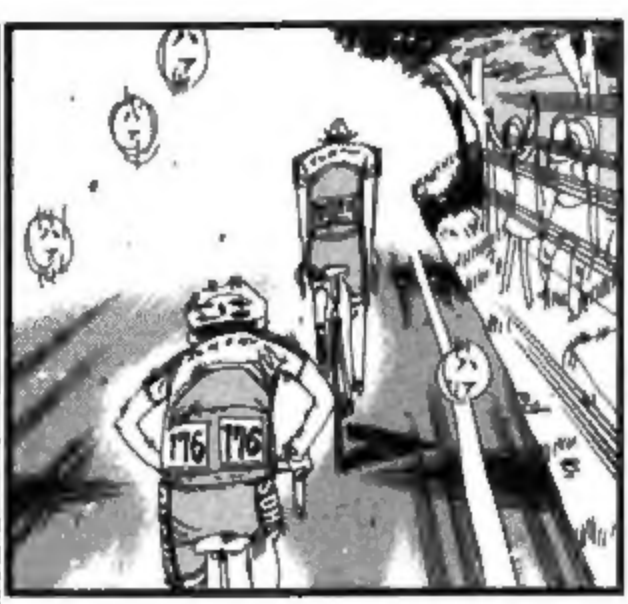
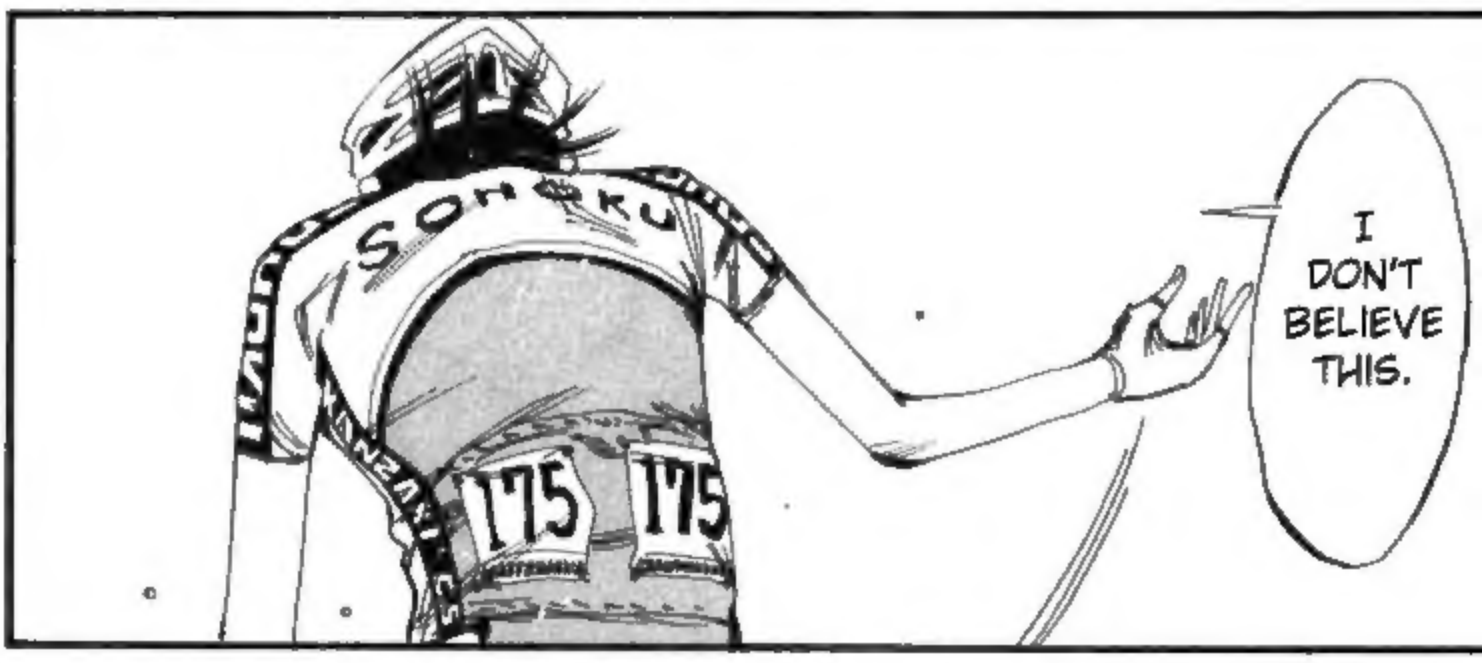


I'M REALLY SORRY!
I COULDN'T STOP MIDOUSUJI-KUN!!
I WAS TOLD TO PROTECT THE ACE...
MAKI-SHIMA-SAN WAS COUNTING ON ME TO DO IT... BUT I...
RIDE.208
SAKAMICHI'S ROLE


SOHOKU
175 175
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.

THIS IS THE FRONT.
SOHOKU
176 176
WHAT KIND OF A MAN ARE YOU?

AND NOW YOU'RE CAUGHT UP TO THE VERY FRONT.
FALLING BEHIND FROM THE OTHERS
CLIMBING ALL THE WAY, WITHOUT
YOU CHARGED UP FROM BEHIND
HERE
AT THE VERY LAST RACE OF IN-HIGH.
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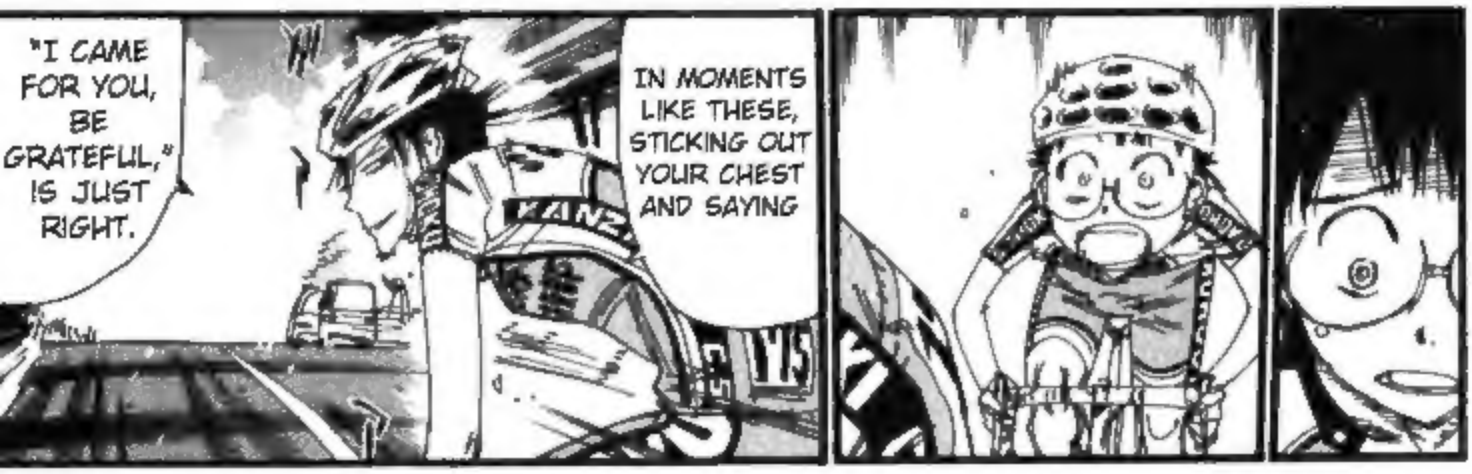
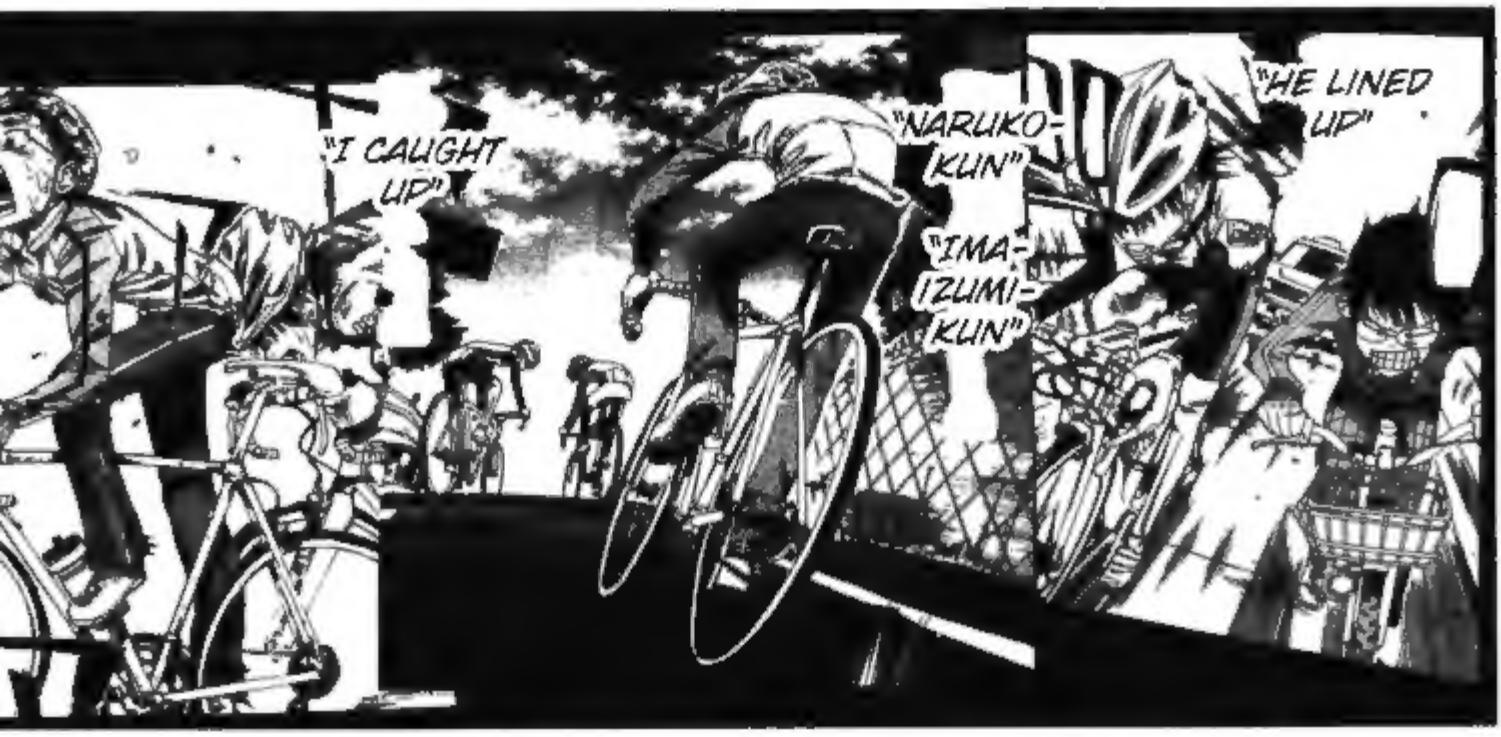
AND THE FIRST WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH ARE "I'M SORRY" ?
YOU JUST DID SOME-THING INCRE-DIBLE


"I CAME FOR YOU, BE GRATEFUL," IS JUST RIGHT.
IN MOMENTS LIKE THESE, STICKING OUT YOUR CHEST AND SAYING

DUMMY.
THERE'S NOTHING TO APOLO-GIZE ABOUT

GOOD JOB GETTING HERE
ONO-- NO...
SAKA-MICHI !!

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ALWAYS CHASING ME DOWN.
WELL ... IN ANY CASE
!!
I... IMA-IZUMI-KUN...


"I CAUGHT UP"
"NARUKO-KUN"
"IMA-IZUMI-KUN"
"HE LINED UP"

YOU HAVE THE POWER OF PULLING PEOPLE FORWARD!!
I-I THINK IT'S MORE BECAUSE OF YOU, IMAIZUMI-KUN!
THAT'S ... THIS IS ...
AH
NO
YOU'RE AMA-ZING.

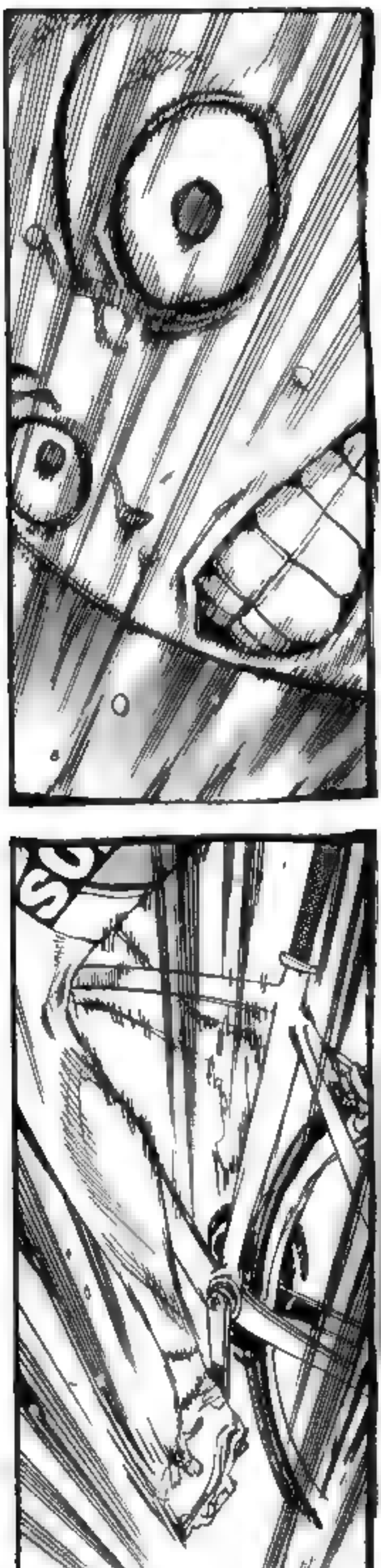
I DON'T HAVE THAT SORT OF VIRTUE.
BUT
WHEN YOU SAY IT, IT SOUNDS TRUE.
I WOULDN'T SAY OPEN-HEARTED
...NO
I TALKED TO A FEW PEOPLE WHO LOOKED LIKE THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ANIME AND MANGA
AND OPEN-HEART-ED
AND NICE
AH... A-AND COOL
I-IT IS TRUE! I MEAN, YOU'RE STRONG!
A-ALSO, YOU CARE FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

ONO-
DA.
YEAH.

NARU-
KO
YEAH
!!
LET'S
GO.

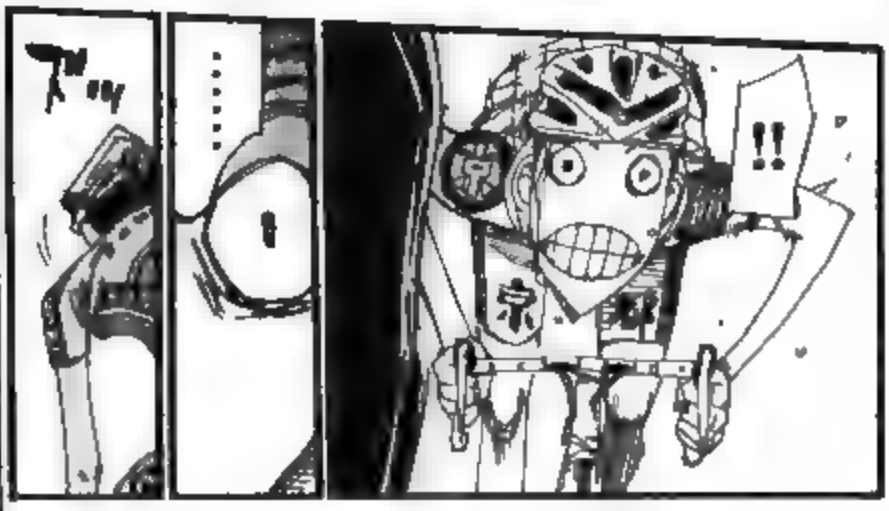
YEAH!!
WE'LL SEND
YOUR DREAM
TO THE GOAL!

IT'S MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!



SONOKI

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, MIDOU-SUJI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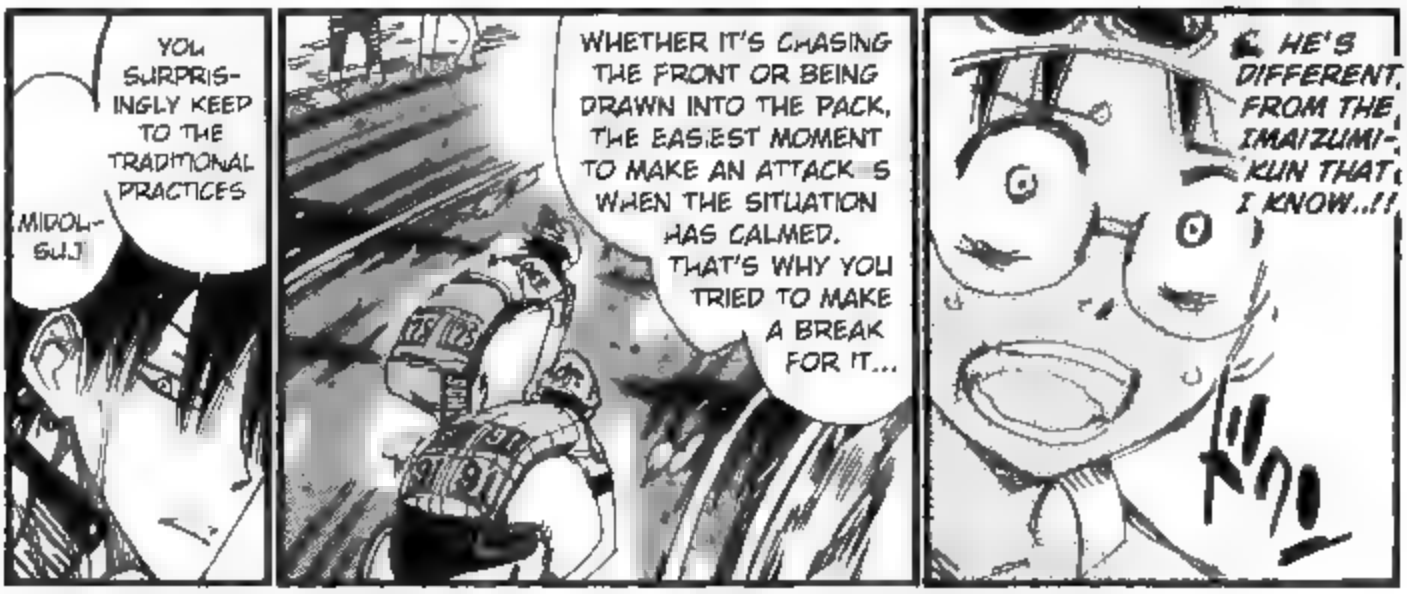
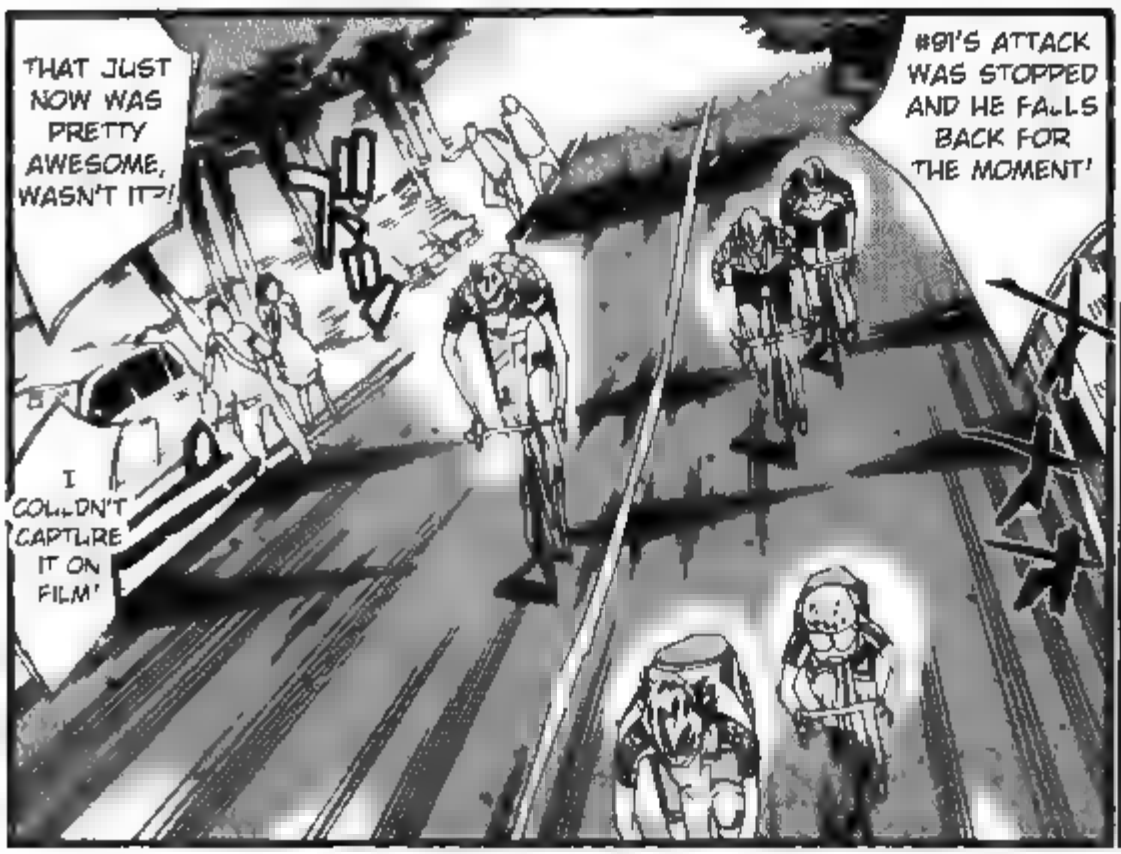
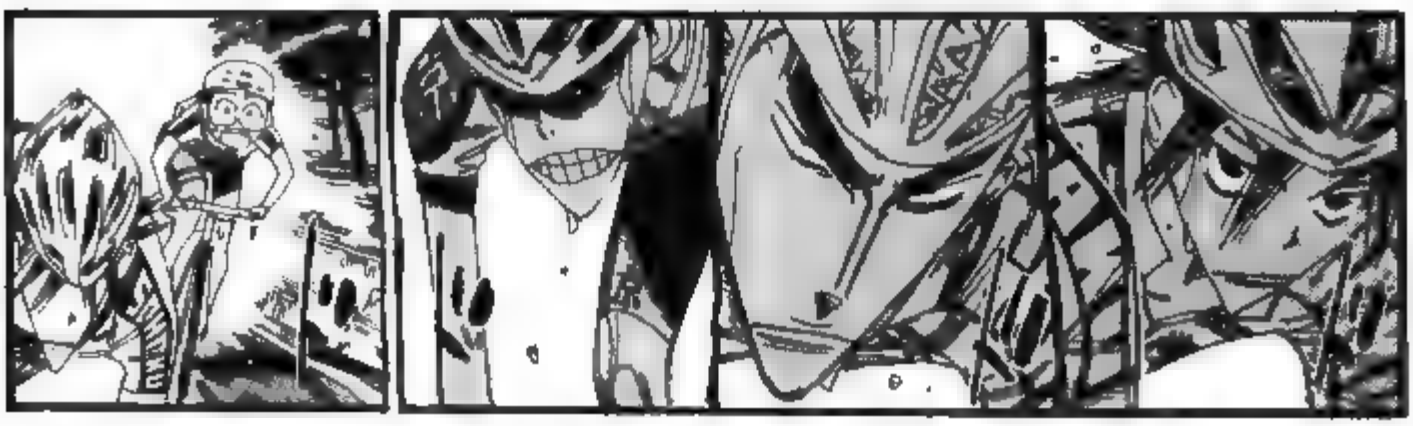
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN CHARGED AHEAD...
WHAT JUST ...?
WHA...
EH...
HE WAS FAST!!
...THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE.
AND IMAIZUMI-KUN HELD HIM BACK IN AN INSTANT
OH ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SITTING BACK AND ENJOYING YOUR LITTLE REUNION
YOU ...
SOHOKU

*KIMO- ZUMI


YOU SURPRIS-
INGLY KEEP
TO THE
TRADITIONAL
PRACTICES
MIDOL-
SUJI
WHETHER IT'S CHASING THE FRONT OR BEING DRAWN INTO THE PACK, THE EASIEST MOMENT TO MAKE AN ATTACK IS WHEN THE SITUATION HAS CALMED. THAT'S WHY YOU TRIED TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT...
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE IMAIZUMI-KUN THAT I KNOW..!!

*KIMO-SUJI


THAT JUST NOW WAS PRETTY AWESOME, WASN'T IT?!
#01'S ATTACK WAS STOPPED AND HE FALLS BACK FOR THE MOMENT!
I COULDN'T CAPTURE IT ON FILM!

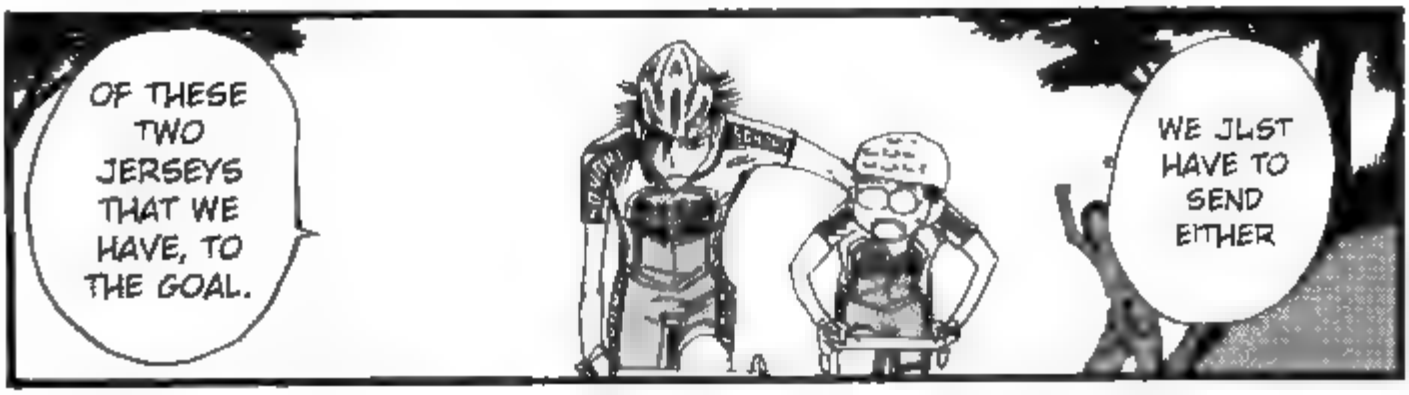


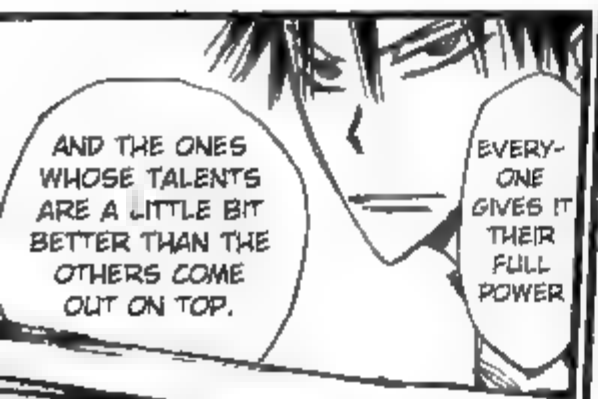
WHAT DO I DO FROM HERE?! MY ROLE...
IS TO ASSIST YOU

I...
I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE A STEP

IMA-IZUM-KUN
THE AIR IS TENSE...!!

WE DO EXACTLY AS HE SAID, ONODA.
SO--
...UM, MAKISHIMA-SAN TOLD ME THAT THE TWO OF US SHOULD SEND OUR JERSEY TO THE GOAL TOGETHER


OF THESE TWO JERSEYS THAT WE HAVE, TO THE GOAL.
WE JUST HAVE TO SEND EITHER


AND THE ONES WHOSE TALENTS ARE A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN THE OTHERS COME OUT ON TOP.
EVERY-ONE GIVES IT THEIR FULL POWER

SOHOKU HAS TWO JERSEYS RIGHT NOW.

CLIMBING TESTS THE INDIVIDUAL'S STRENGTH... THE STRENGTH OF THEIR LEGS, AND
THEIR MENTAL STRENGTH, THEIR ABILITY TO INVENT NEW IDEAS AND MAKE DECISIONS

EH

IN THE CLIMB STAGE TO THE GOAL, THERE ARE NO FLATS
SO IT'S POINTLESS TO HAVE AN ASSISTANT WHO HELPS TO PROPEL THE ACE.

SAKA-
MICHI
YOU MUST GO FOR THE GOAL TOO
ME...
KU
!?

WE'RE UP AGAINST HAKOGAKU AND MIDOUSUJI. THE FIGHT FOR THE GOAL WILL ONLY GET WORSE FROM HERE.
SOHOKU
WITHIN THAT CHAOS, IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE A CHANCE, THEN GO FOR IT.
DIG AROUND FOR THE GOAL AND GRAB IT
WE'LL EX-HAUST
EVERY-THING THAT WE POSS-ESS!!
THE GOAL!!!

YOU CALLED ME...
"GROSS... SUJI"...?

GRRR
POWER FORD
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YUCKY YOU ARE, YUCKY-ZUMI...
YOU THINK THAT WAS A GOOD COME-BACK?
YUCKY-ZUMI...!

I'LL SHOW YOU... HOW YOU REALLY LOOK...
GROSS
GROSS
GROSS

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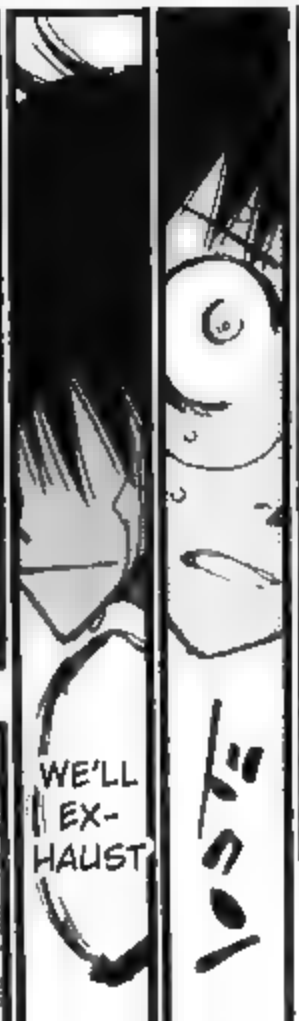


THAT WE POS-SESS !!

IMA-
IZUMI-
KUN
...
SOHOKU
KANZAKI

RIDE.209 EROSION

THAT IMAIZUMI PERSON, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE AWOKEN TO IT
BY CATCHING UP TO THE FRONT AND MEETING
... HMM.
"WITH A WILL TO WIN" INSTEAD..."
"IF YOU HAD RIDDEN"

MA-NAMI ...!!
TO THAT WILL !!

HOW IS HE!!
THAT MAN ...
I'LL BE BRIEF.
I DID NOT EXPECT THAT #176 TO END UP AS A PART OF THIS GROUP...
... YES.
HE'S DANGER-OUS.

91
京都

GROSS-UJI
DID I JUST HEAR THAT WAS U? HERE ENJOYING MY A RIGHT IF CYCLING?

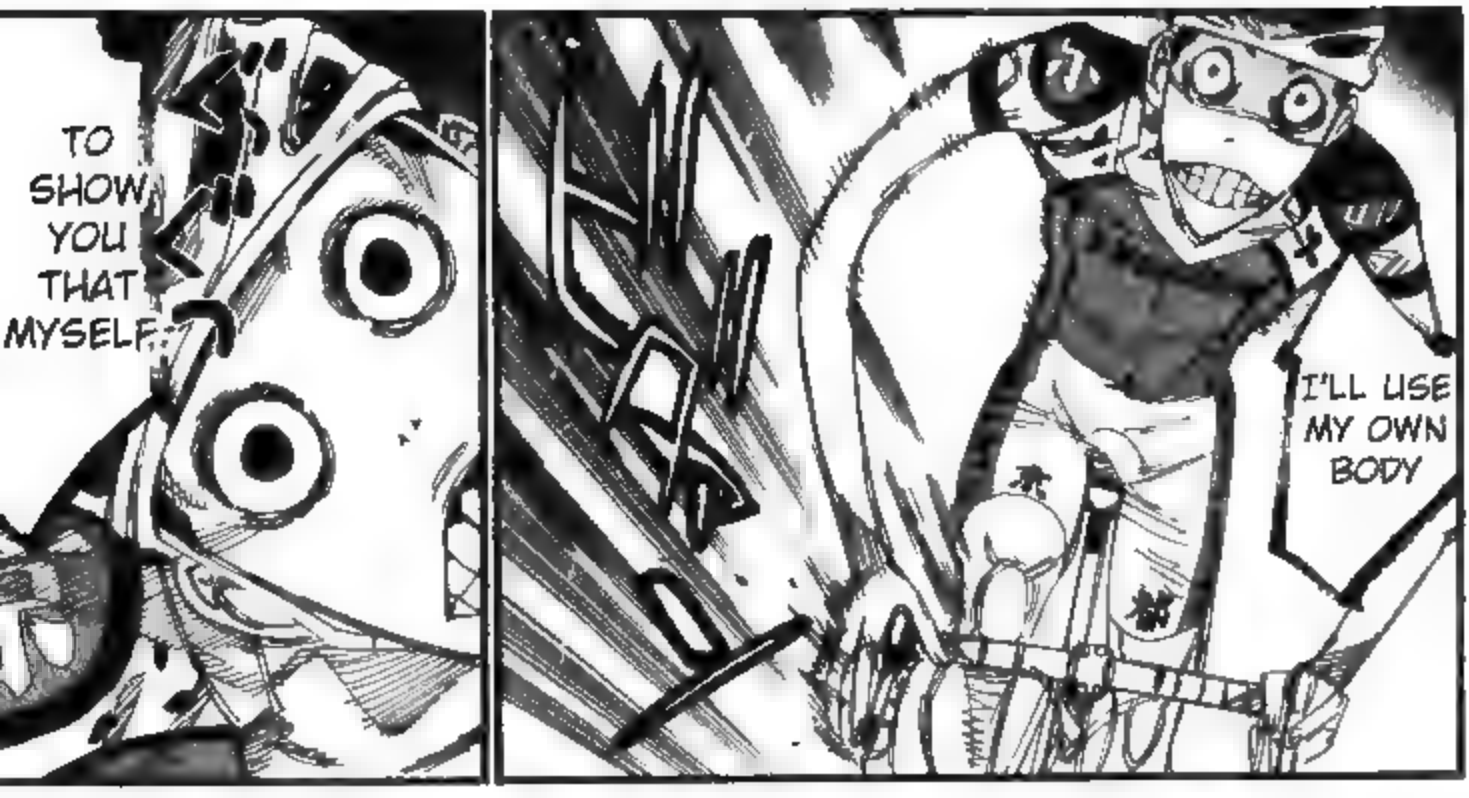
"GROSS"?
"SUJIIII"?!
91

HAAH ?!
YOU ...
IG-NORE
YOU IGNORE HOW GROSS YOU ARE...
AND CALL ME GROS-SUJ! ?!
.....
WHAT IS THAT ..
THE WAY HE EATS LOOKS CREEPY ...
CLEANING STAFF

YUCKY-ZUMIIII!!
YUCK?

I'LL SHOW YOU
I'LL SHOW YOU
GLARING AT ME, ARE YOU?!

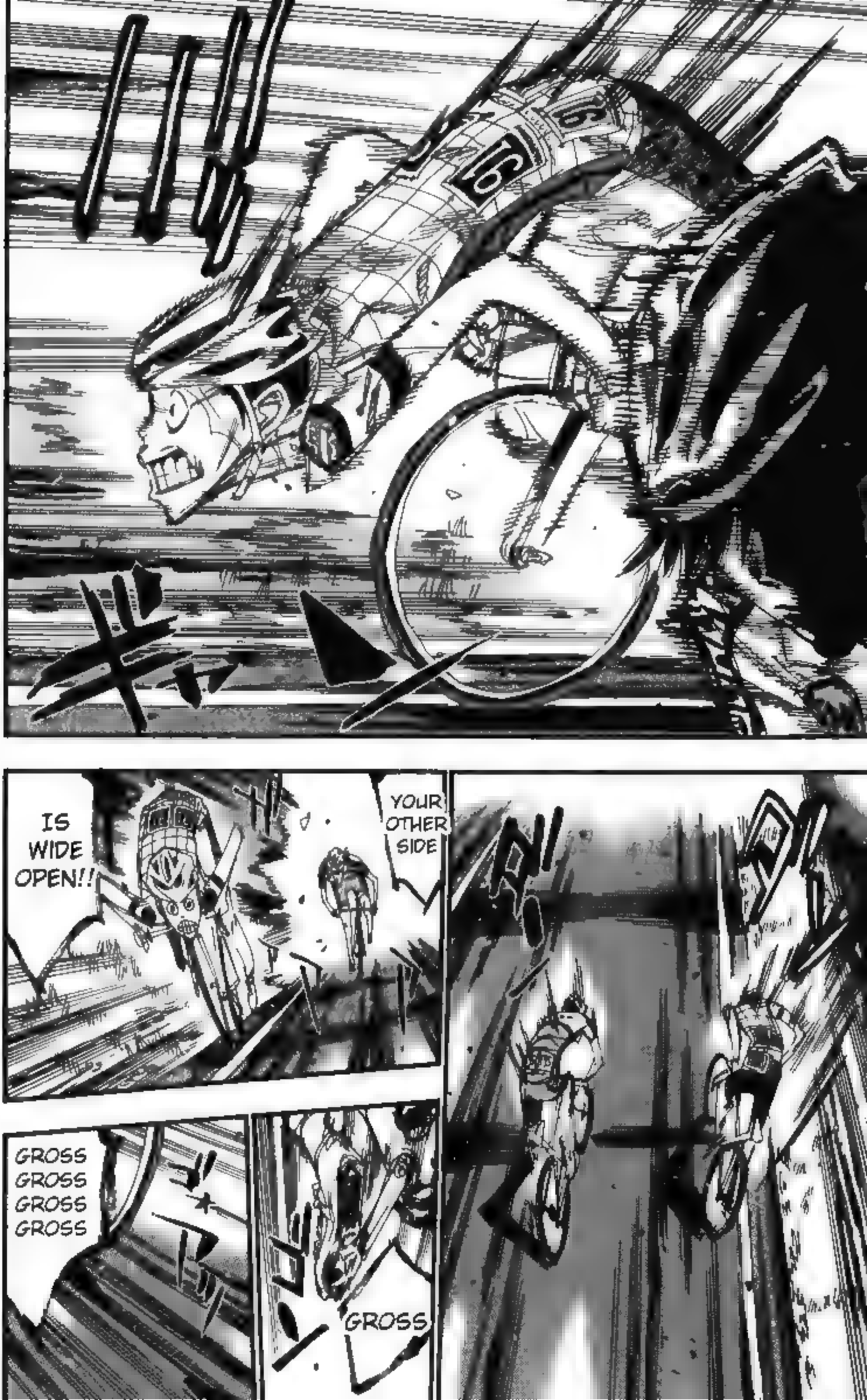
YOU REALLY ARE.
JUST HOW GROSS
HOW YOU REALLY LOOK.


TO SHOW YOU THAT MYSELF.
I'LL USE MY OWN BODY

IT CAN NEVER FLY!!
THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD THE LITTLE CHICKIE TRIES

CHICKIE-ZUMI
!!

HE CAUGHT UP IN AN INSTANT
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN IS FAST!
RIGHT IN BETWEEN US!!
UWAH


IS WIDE OPEN!!
YOUR OTHER SIDE
GROSS GROSS GROSS GROSS
GROSS

ROOOOSSSSS!!
GUH-
WHA-- IN AN INSTANT...
HE PUSHED INTO IMAIZUMI-KUN ON PURPOSE TO MAKE AN OPENING AT HIS RIGHT SIDE
I'LL KEEP THIS UP
AS I ALREADY SAID, MIDOU-SUJI
AND GRAB
THE GOAL!!

TRY IT AS OFTEN AS YOU WANT.
I'LL STOP YOU EVERY TIME!!
THAT'S
WHAT YOU CALL
PUNCHING EACH OTHER'S SHOULDERS
AND RAISING YOUR MORALE
THE POWER OF FRIEND-SHIP, HUH...
S WHAT MADE YOU MORE POWER-FUL, HUH?
IT GIVES YOU FOUR TIMES THE POWER, HUHHH?!
BECAUSE YOU HAVE TWO JERSEYS

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AHEAD OF ME!!
SOKOUD

GY
!
PIG-
FINE THEN. OINK OINK
I'LL GO
YOU WON'T LET ME GET AHEAD OF YOU? OINK
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A CHICKIE
BUT YOU'RE REALLY A PIGGY WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS YOU'RE WITH OTHERS.
HE'S GOING LEFT THIS TIME!
URGH !!
SOMONU
!!
OINK OINK OINK !!

I TOLD YOU
SOHOKU
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN IS MOVING UP FROM THE INNER COURSE!!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AHEAD!!
ZAMI
RUKIA

UWAH, SORRY, IMA-IZUMI-KUN!!
CRA--
HE USED SAKA-MICHI AS A SHIELD!!
!!
HE'S AHEAD !!
PIGGY-ZUMI-KUN, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU REALIZED IT. THE THING YOU NEED LEAST OF ALL IN A ROAD RACE...
IF YOU WERE ALONE, YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED ME, YES?
IS FRIEND-SHIP

RIDE.210 THE TWO'S BOND
ハァハァハァ
SOHOKU
ハァッ
HE USED SAKAMICHI AS A SHIELD AND GOT AHEAD!!
I'M SORRY, IMAIZUMI-KUN!!
MIDOUSUJI ...!!
PIGGY-ZUMI-KUN?
PFFT...
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CARRY FRIENDS WITH YOU... YOU OUGHT TO THROW HIM AWAY QUICK
THAT FRIEND OF YOURS

ON MT. FUJI'S SEVERE INCLINE OF OVER A 20 DEGREE ANGLE
HE CLIMBS UP AS IF IT'S NOTHING TO HIM AT ALL!!
UWAH
KYO-FU-SHI!!!
WHOA!!
SO-HOKU YOU CAN DO IT!!
HAKO-GAKU IS THE FURTHEST BACK!!
SOHOKU IS FALLING BEHIND... AND BEHIND THEM IS HAKOGAKU!!
KYOFUSHI'S #91 CHASES THE FRONT FROM BEHIND AND BREAKS AWAY TO AT LAST TAKE THE LEAD!!
GROSSSSSSSS!!
RIDE.210
THE TWO'S BOND

HE JUST MIGHT WIN THE GOAL FROM HERE
KYO-FUSHI !!
HE HAD IT ALL CAL-CULATED ...!!
THAT MIDOU-SUJI...
ON A HILL WITH AN INCLINE THIS HIGH
THERE WOULD BE THIS CLIMB THAT RISES AS HIGH AS A WALL!!
BY HITTING SAKAMICHI'S HANDLE JUST A BIT AND RACING AHEAD OF US, HE KNEW THAT RIGHT AFTER THIS CURVE

HE DOESN'T INTEND TO LET ME PAST HIM
NOT UNTIL HE'S REACHED THE GOAL!!
UNLESS YOUR SKILLS ARE VASTLY ABOVE HIS!!
IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH HIM AND BREAK AHEAD
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN ...

ROOOOOH
I WON'T
GIVE THE GOAL AWAY TO ANYONE !!

IMA-IZUMI-KUN!!
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S NO CONCERN.
I WILL
SO YOU
TAKE IT BACK !!

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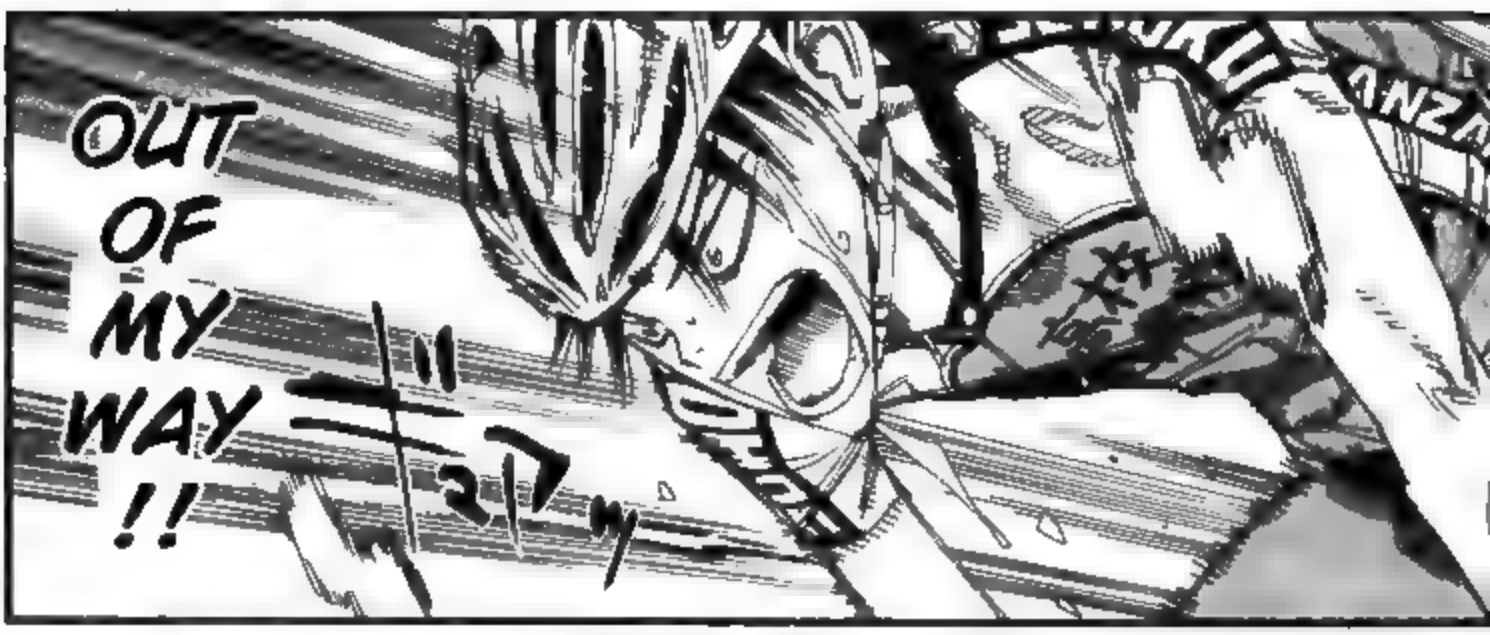
LOOK, SOHOKU IS GRADUALLY CATCHING UP
TO KYO-FUSHI IN THE FRONT
ON TH S HILL!!

FOLLOW ME NO MATTER WHAT !!
OKAY !!

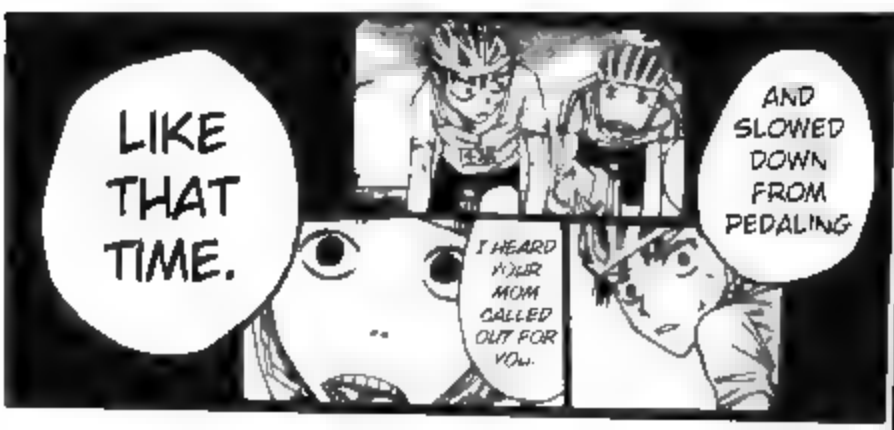
OUT OF MY WAY


OUT OF MY WAY !!

OUT OF MY WAY !!

GET OUT OF MY WAY, MIDOU-SUJI !!
SOHO!
SOHO!

ON THIS INCLINE ?!
THAT SOHOKU #175 IS PLANNING TO OVERTAKE HIM?
NO WAY

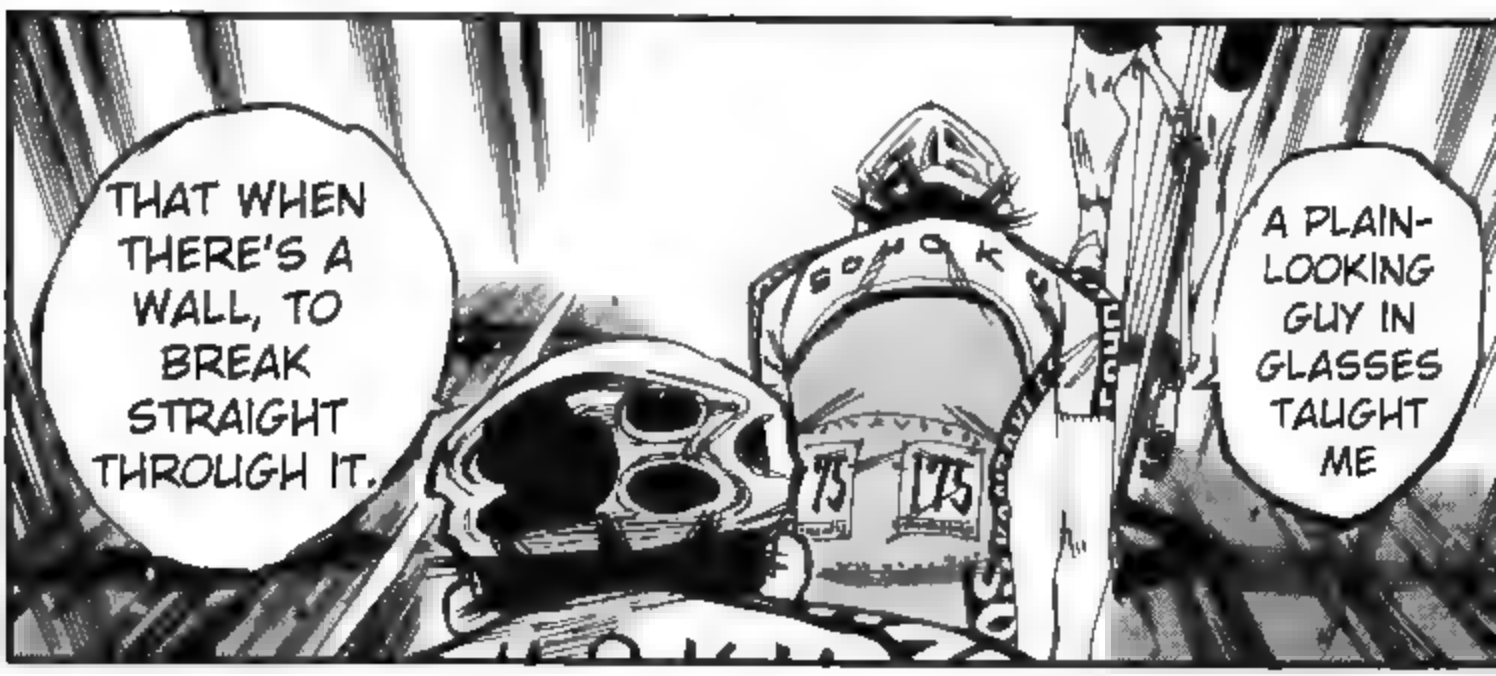

LIKE THAT TIME.
I HEARD YOUR MOM CALLED OUT FOR YOU.
AND SLOWED DOWN FROM PEDALING

YOU'RE PERSIST-ENT. .
YOU SHOULD
91
HAVE TAKEN A BREAK

IT WAS YOU ...

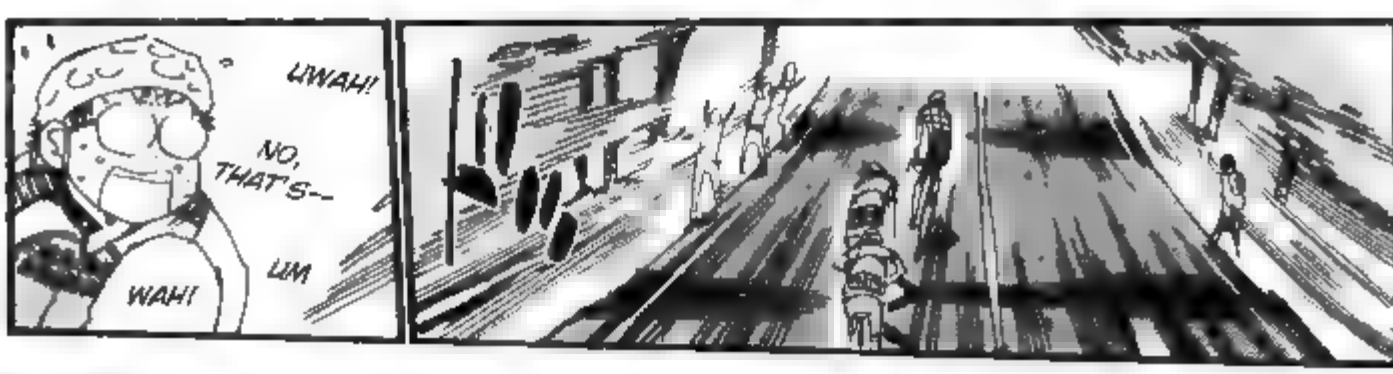
IF THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT
BUT
WHO RAN FUKUUU-TOMI-KUN RAGGED. AMAZING.
YOU'LL NEVER REACH ME!!
I WAS TAUGHT
THAT WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING, TO RIDE IT OUT TO YOUR FULL LIMITS AND MAKE IT LOOK GRAND
BY A BRIGHT-RED GUY WHO LOVES TO BE FLASHY

IMA... IZUMI-KUN...


THAT WHEN THERE'S A WALL, TO BREAK STRAIGHT THROUGH IT.
A PLAIN-LOOKING GUY IN GLASSES TAUGHT ME

BUT
EVERY TIME HE DID
WHILE SUFFER-ING AND WORRY-ING OVER EACH ONE
THAT GUY MET WITH WALLS WHEREVER HE WENT. JUST BY BIKING A LITTLE, HE'D FIND ANOTHER WALL.
.....
EH

RIGHT BEFORE MY OWN EYES!!
I'M SORRY EVERY-ONE!!
I'VE CAUGHT UP!!
I'LL DO MY BEST TO CATCH UP
HE SMASHED THROUGH ALL OF THEM


UWAH!
NO, THAT'S--
UM
WAH!

I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE NOW!!
THOSE STUPID, INCREDIBLE GUYS
THEY'VE TAUGHT ME ALL THIS...
WITH-OUT

THAT'S MY ANSWER
TO THE QUESTION YOU ASKED EARLIER
THAT "IF I WERE ALONE, I COULD HAVE STOPPED YOU"
MIDOU-SUJI!!

IF YOU COULD WIN THE GOAL WITH FRIEND-SHIP
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FRIEND-SHIP?
HAAH ?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
EVERYONE WOULD BE IN FIRST PLACE!!

IF "FRIENDSHIP" IS THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOU CAN CROSS THE GOAL HOLDING HANDS!!

THAT'S THE TRUTH OF ROAD-RACING!!
ONLY ONE WINNER!!
THERE IS ONLY ONE!!
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OF US RAISING UP OUR HELD HANDS AS WE CROSSED THE GOAL...
THE DREAM THAT REDHEAD HAD
RAAAH!!
BUT THAT ACTS AS A SOURCE OF POWER.
ISN'T POSS-IBLE NOW
WHEN THE FEELINGS OF WHAT'S BEEN BUILT UP ARE PILED ON

THEY'RE WHAT PUSH YOU FORWARD IN TIMES LIKE THESE!!
SUR
KANJI
IT'S
NARU-
KOOO-
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!!
RAAAH

SOHOKU
TAKES
THE LEAD
AGAIN
AGAINST
KYOFUSHI
!!

# RIDE.211 IMAIZUMI VS MIDOUSUJI

KYOFUSHI IS CHASING HIM!!
THERE'S STILL MORE CLIMBING AHEAD! THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN PAIN
SOHOKU IS IN THE LEAD!! HE'S FAST!!
FOUR KM MARK!
HAKO-GAKU IS THE FURTHEST BEHIND!
EH?!
SOHOKU
箱根学

# RIDE.211 IMAIZUMI VS MIDOUSUJI

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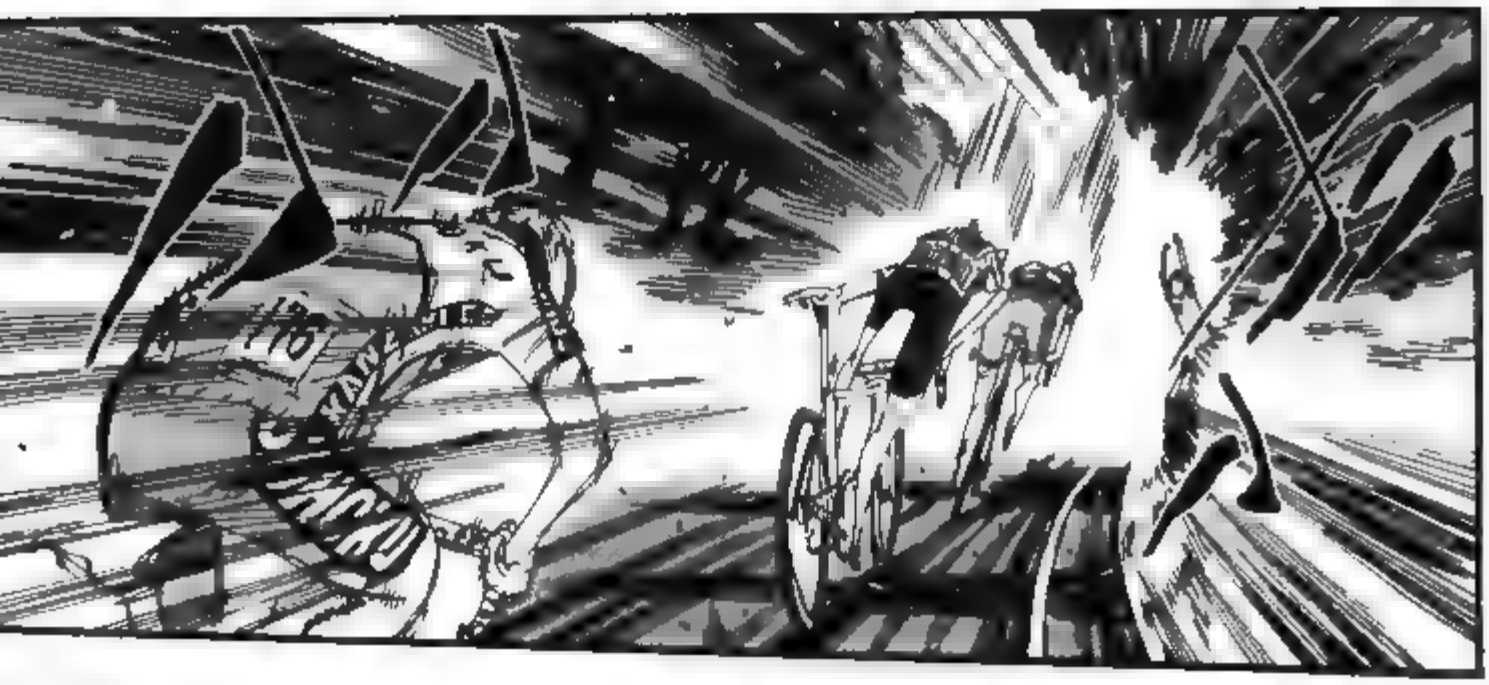
ROOOOO
SSSSSS
SSSSS!!



ROO-
OOO-
HHH,
3700
LEFT
!!
AND IS KEEPING HIM BACK!!
IMAIZUMI-KUN IS AMAZING! HE GOT PAST MIDOUSUJI-KUN ON THIS HIGH SLOPE
SO FAST !!
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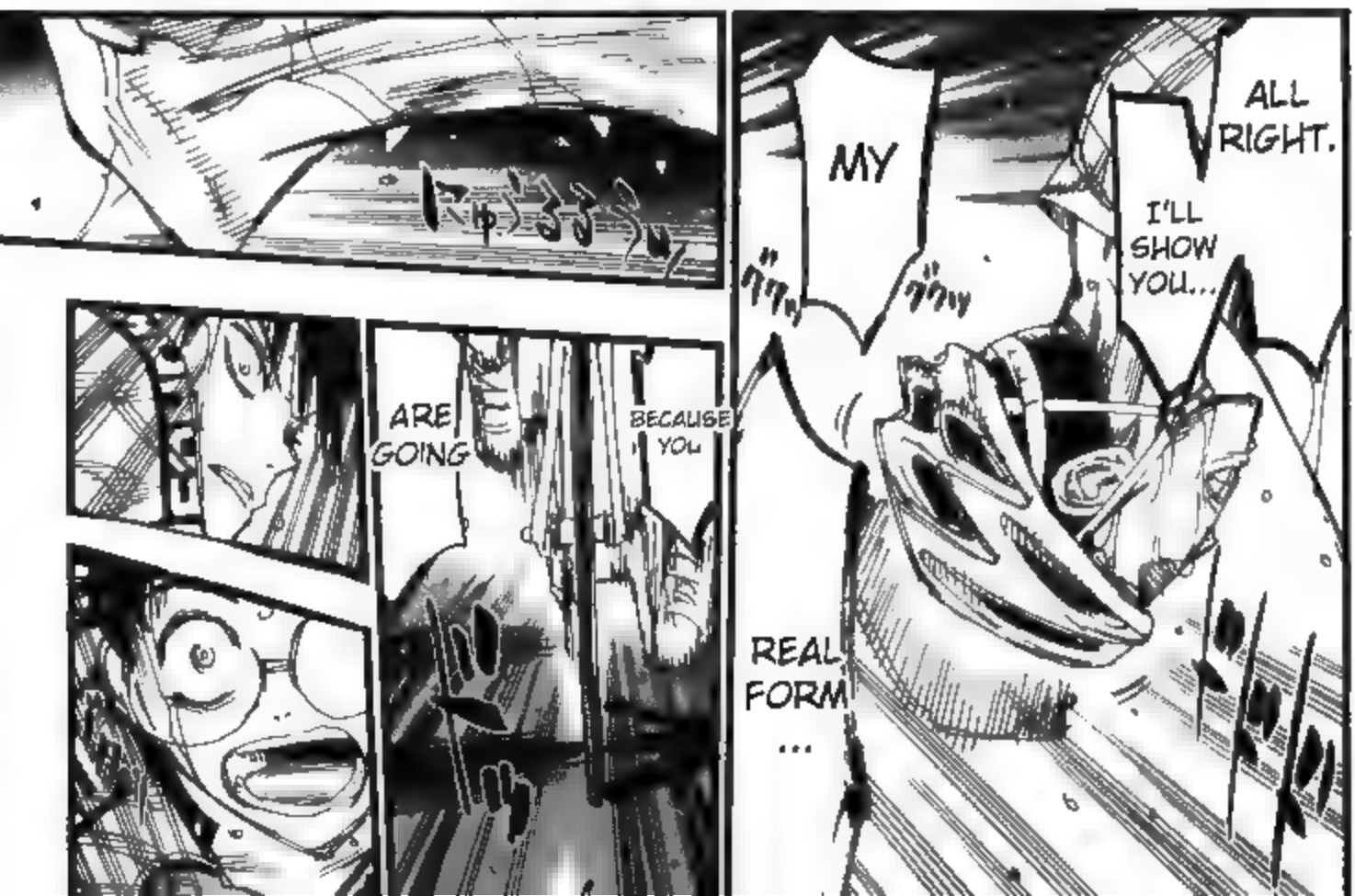
YOU'VE "GROWN," HUH?!
PIG-GY-ZUMI
GOT PAST ME...!!
WITHIN THESE THREE DAYS!!
ALL RIGHT. STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS.
BUT

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN ANYTHING ELSE!!
I ONLY HAVE "VICTORY"

FOR-WARD!!
FOR-WARD
I WILL MOVE


ALL RIGHT.
I'LL SHOW YOU...
MY
REAL FORM ...
ARE GOING
BECAUSE YOU

TO FALL HERE!!!
DE ROSA

RELEASE IT ALL...
EVERY-THING !!
RELEASE
!

VICTORY
VICTORY
VICTORY
VICTO
VIC
TCH!
HE'S BENDING EVEN FURTHER FORWARD! HE'S ALMOST REACHING THE GROUND!!

ROOOO OOOHH

WHEN THEY'RE OVERTAKEN AND SHOWN THE BACK OF THE PERSON IN FRONT OF THEM
AND SEPARATED BY ONLY AS LITTLE AS FIVE METERS
ON A LONG SLOPE, YOUR MENTALITY IS WHAT HOLDS YOU UP IN THE END!! ONCE YOUR HEART DESPAIRS, YOUR LEGS STOP MOVING!!

FIVE METERS!!
WHAT'S MORE, THIS SITUATION BRINGS MUSCLE FATIGUE TO ITS PEAK!
IT IS HERE THAT I WILL BRING YOU DOWN, PIGGY-ZUMI!!
ONCE THEY FEEL DEFEATED, THEY SLOWLY FALL! THEIR BODIES GIVE UP!!
THAT IS WHEN THEY FEEL DEFEAT!!!

DES-
PAA AAA AAA AIR !!
ROOH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHH
DES-PAA-AAAA-AAAA-AIR!!
HE'S TRYING TO BREAK AWAY!!

ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE EARTH!!
DES-PAIR !!
DES-PAIR

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SONIKU
DES-
PAAA-
AAAAA-
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IMA-
IZUMI-
KUN
!!
GET OUT OF MY WAY
OUT

SOHORU
ROOOH
THA-
!!
IS
MINE!!
THE
FRONT

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO FALL, DIDN'T I?!
WHAT'S THAT THAT JUST FELL?
BLOOD ?!
SWEAT ?!
GROSSS
ROOOOOH

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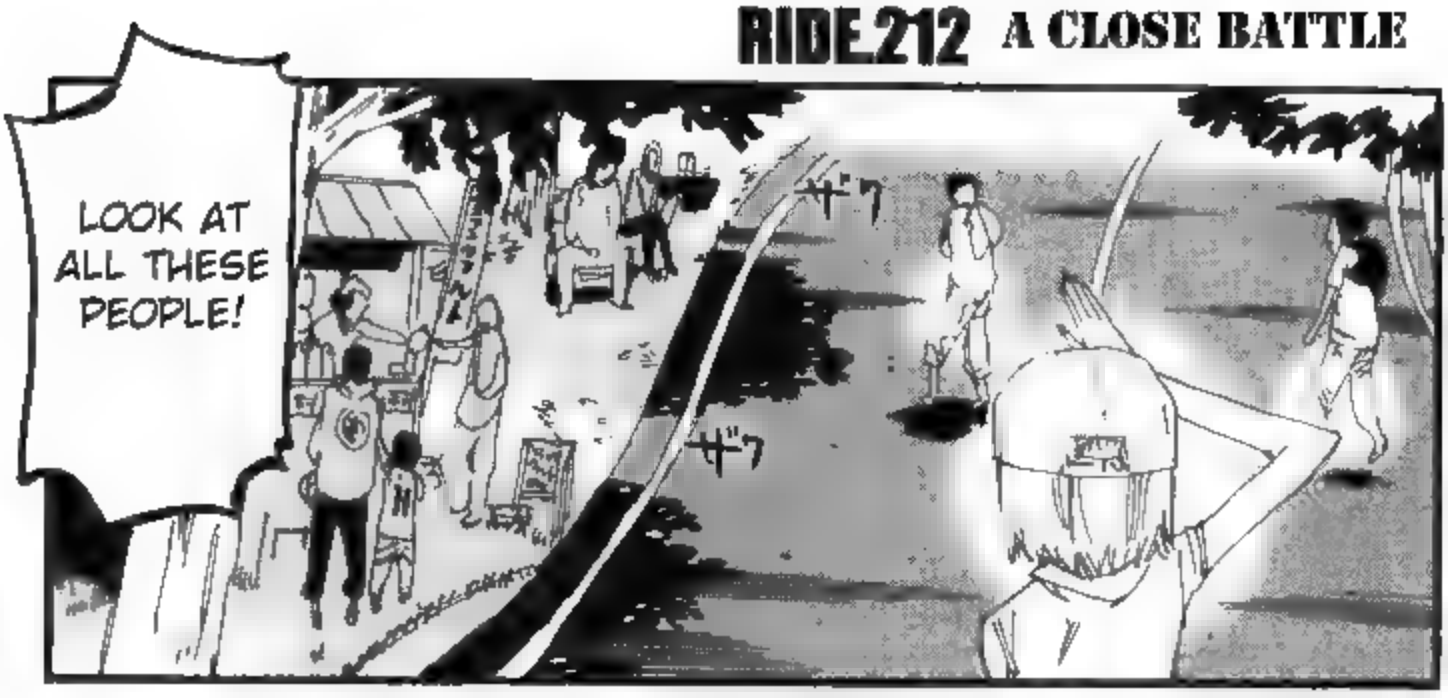
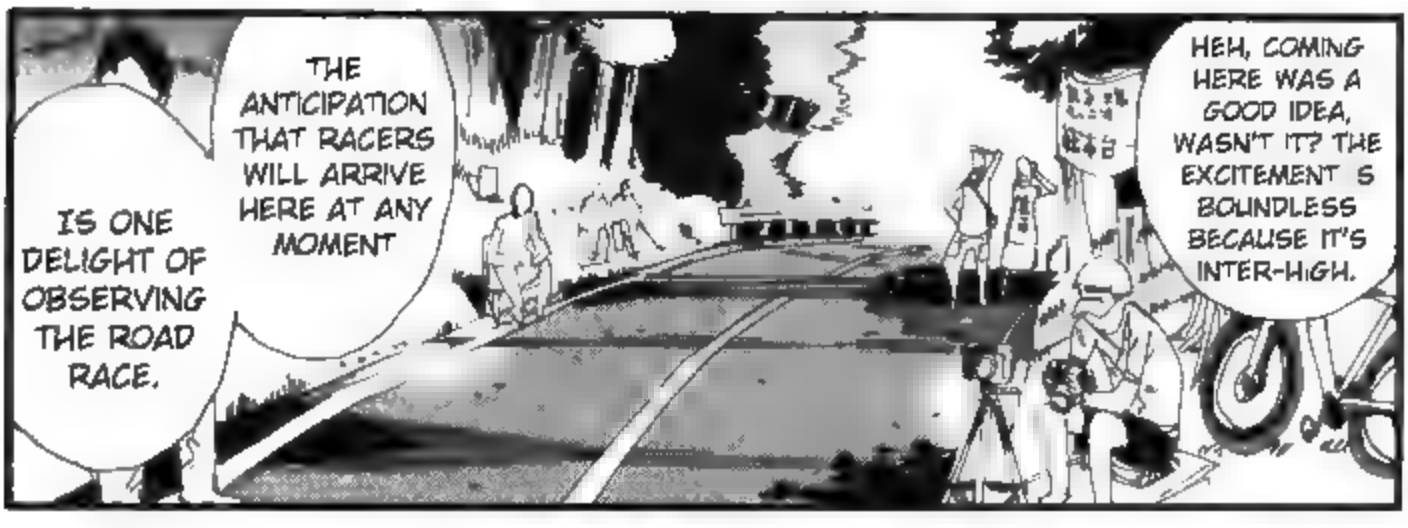
!!

UP AHEAD
BUT... ARE THEY GOING TO BE OKAY GOING AT THAT SPEED?
WHOA, THOSE TWO ARE AMAZING!!
WHOA
IS THE SINGLE, BIGGEST DOWNHILL SLOPE ON THE AZAMI LINE!!

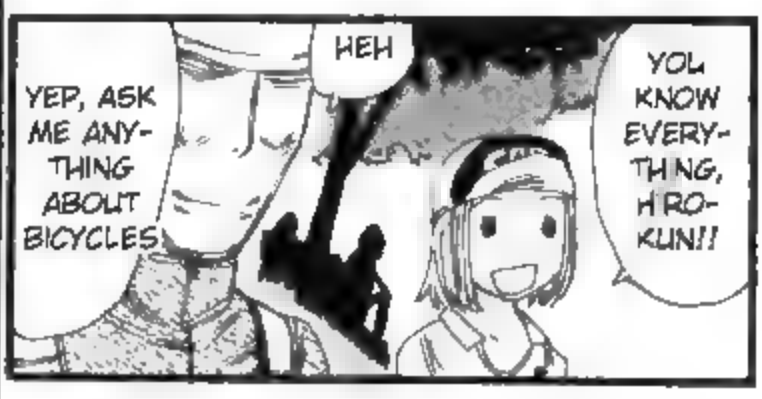
# RIDE.212 A CLOSE BATTLE





IS ONE DELIGHT OF OBSERVING THE ROAD RACE.
THE ANTICIPATION THAT RACERS WILL ARRIVE HERE AT ANY MOMENT
HEH, COMING HERE WAS A GOOD IDEA, WASN'T IT? THE EXCITEMENT S BOUNDLESS BECAUSE IT'S INTER-HIGH.

ME, HIROTA HIROSHI !!
AS IT S, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE I GOT MY FIRST ROAD BIKE!!
Hiro-kun, a normal everyday cyclist who lives in Chiba. He challenged Sakamichi to a race once and easily lost.

YOU CAN FEEL EVERYONE'S EXCITEMENT, CAN'T YOU?
WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BE FIRST?
IT'S GOTTA BE HAKO-GAKU.
BUT KYOFU-SHI HAS THAT #91
OH SHIT.



EVEN AMONG US CYCLISTS.
YES, THIS "FUJI AZAMI LINE" IS FAMOUS FOR BEING ONE OF THE MOST EXTREME CLIMB COURSES EVEN AMONG US CYCLISTS.
OOH ...
BUT THERE IS ONE SPOT THAT HAS A DOWNHILL.

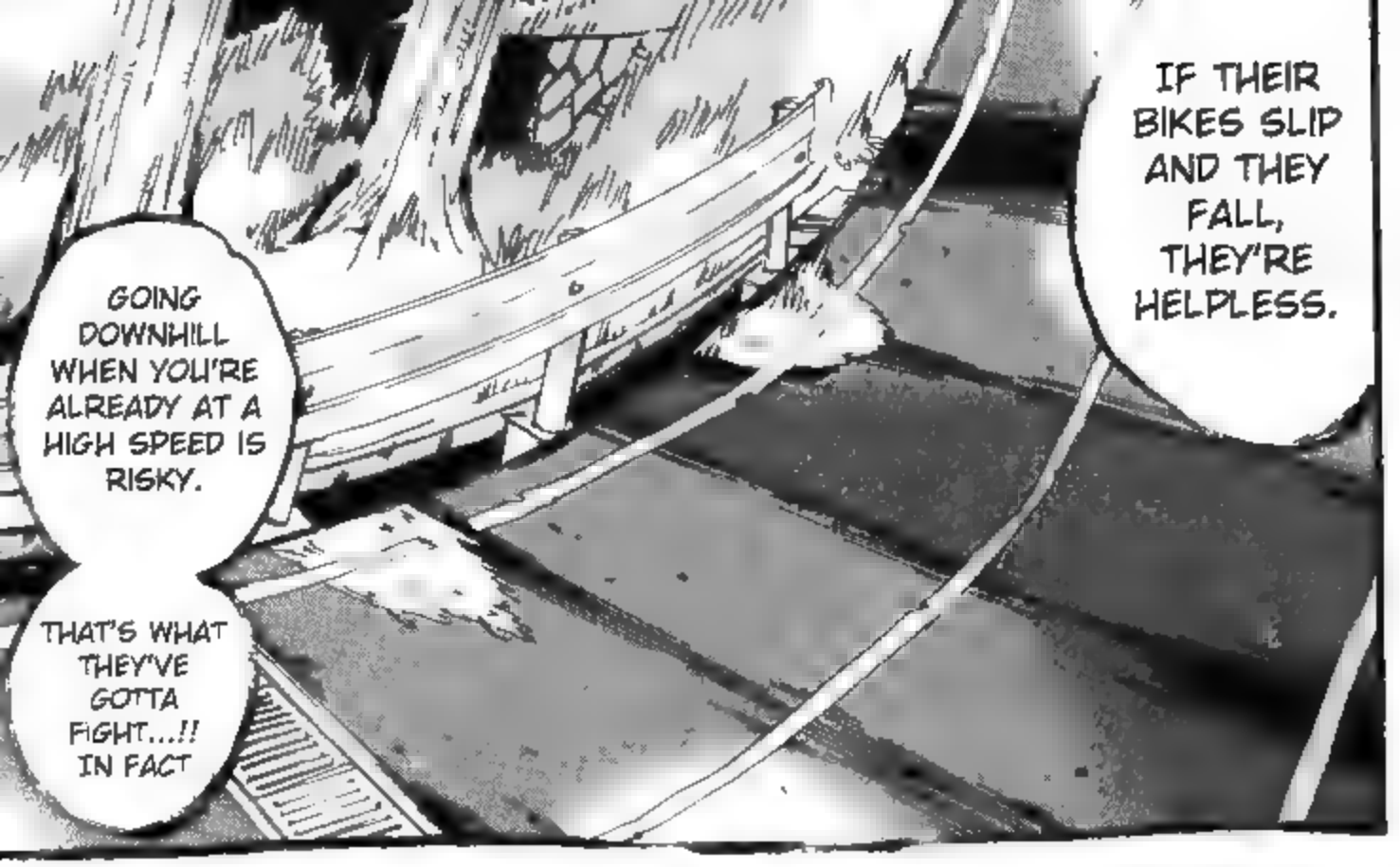
THE ONLY DOWNHILL AMIDST A HARD CLIMB COURSE...

I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL UPHILLS HERE.
THIS IS A PRETTY BIG DOWNHILL.

IT'S NOT "HEAVEN" AT ALL!
NOW I FEEL LIKE BIKING~ I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MY BIKE WITH ME~
I BROUGHT MY FOLDABLE ONE, IF YOU WANT
EH

THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR THE TOP.

EHHH! YOU'VE CLIMBED THIS MOUNTAIN BEFORE, H RO-KUN?! AMAZING!
IT WAS LIKE HEAVEN !!
YOU GET TO REST BOTH YOUR LEGS AND YOUR HEART!'
EH?! UH, YOU COULD SAY THAT!! ON MY ROAD BIKE, OF COURSE!!
ALTHOUGH MY LEGS CRAMPED MID-WAY


IF THEIR BIKES SLIP AND THEY FALL, THEY'RE HELPLESS.
GOING DOWNHILL WHEN YOU'RE ALREADY AT A HIGH SPEED IS RISKY.
THAT'S WHAT THEY'VE GOTTA FIGHT...!! IN FACT

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I THINK IT'S HELL!!

IT'S NOT SO EASY THAT THOSE BOYS WOULD BE RACING IN IT!!
I CAN ONLY SAY ONE THING RACING ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL IS TOUGH!!
THEY'RE HERE!
IT'S THE FRONT !!

HM?
OH, THOSE KIDS.

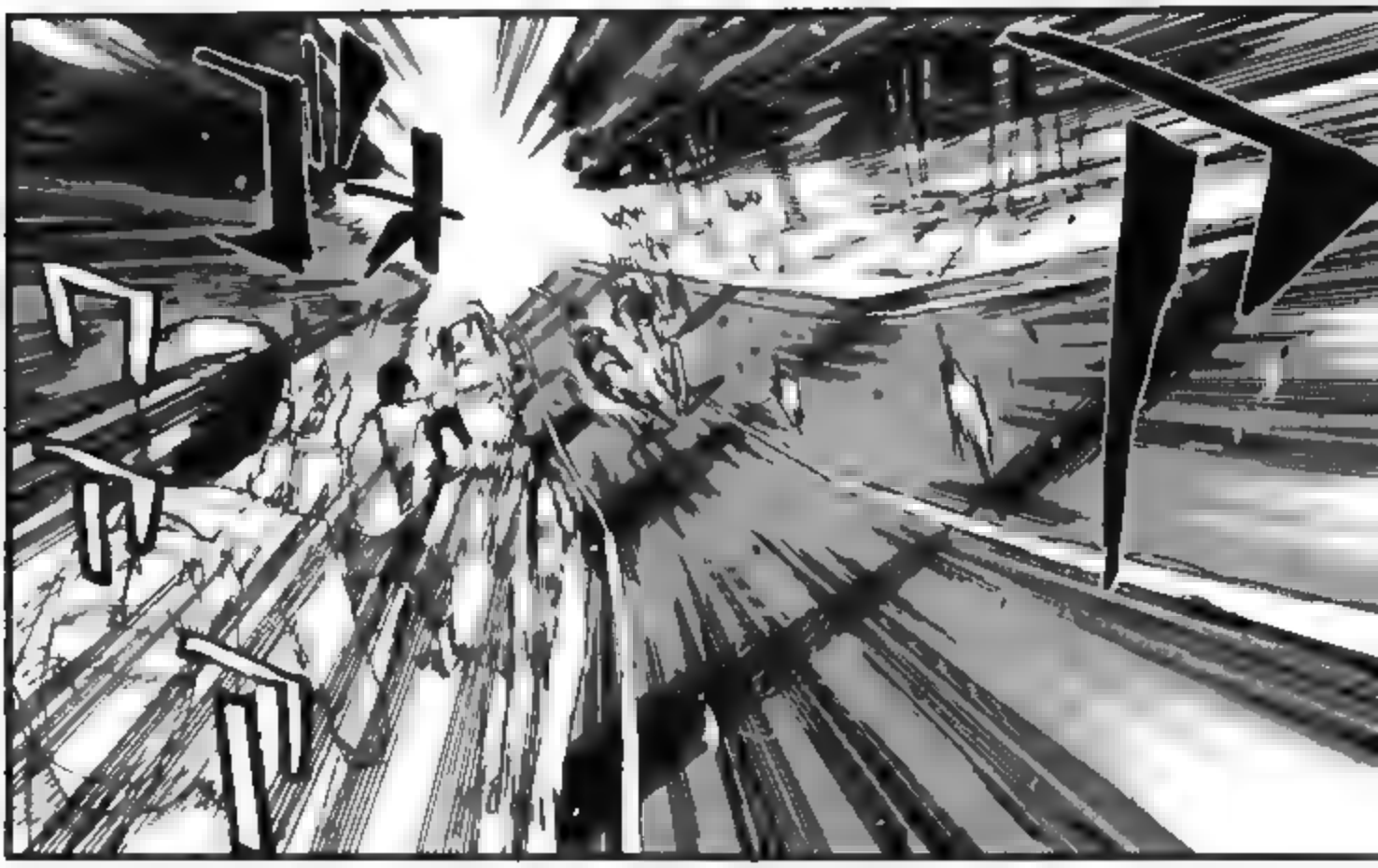
YOU'RE SO DEEP, HIRO-KUN!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THAT!

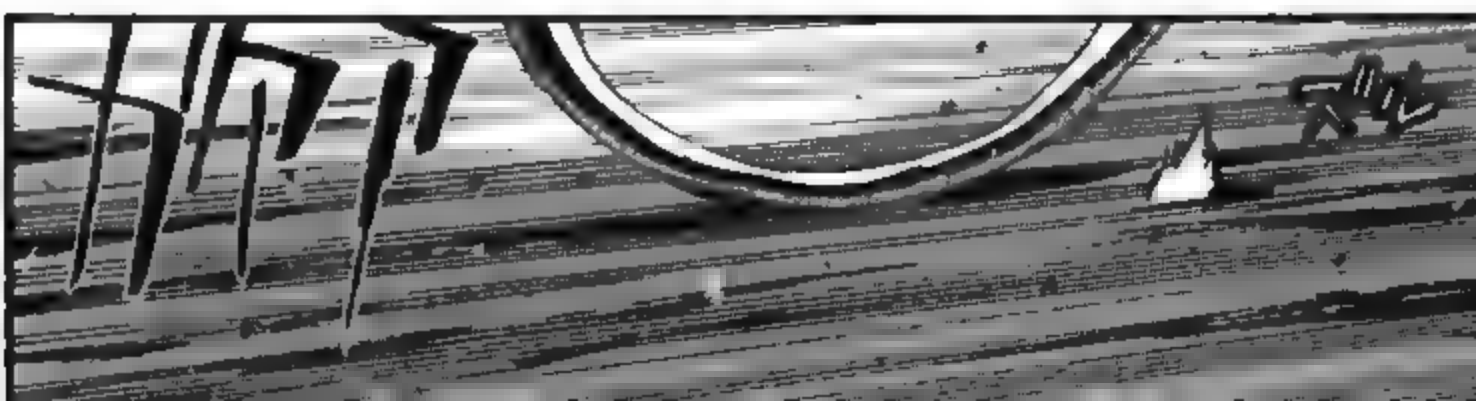
I WONDER IF THEY'RE HERE
IT WAS "SOHOKU," I THINK.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WE MET DURING OUR CYCLING IN THE SPRING ARE IN THIS RACE TOO, AREN'T THEY?

# RIDE.212
## A CLOSE BATTLE

WAAAAH
WHOAAA!!!
FAA-AAAA-AAA-AALL!!
MO-OOO-OO-VE!!
WAH, HE TOLD ME TO MOVE!
SO FAST!!

STILL, THEY'RE PRETTY AMAZING
AT THAT SPEED...
DOWN THIS HILL!!!
LOOK!
DID THEY JUST HIT EACH OTHER?!
I NEVER KNEW
THAT BICYCLES COULD MOVE FORWARD
EVEN WHILE TILTED AT THAT ANGLE...!





THE LAST DOWNHILL SLOPE!!
EH! THAT CAN'T BE.
I THINK IT'S THE SAME BOY WE MET THAT DAY
THAT BOY IN THE YELLOW JERSEY.
THE MORE SPEED OR WEIGHT THERE IS, JUST BY PICKING UP A LITTLE SAND...
DOWN-HILLS ARE RISKY.
WILL NEVER WIN!!
BUT!! SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T DO SOMETHING DESPITE THE RISKS
YOUR BIKE LOSES ITS BALANCE AND GETS OUT OF CONTROL!
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YOU KNOW THAT TOO
MIDOU-SUJI

SOHOKU DODGES INSTANTLY AND TAKES THE LEAD!!
WHOA
!?

DOWN-HILLS ARE A CLOSE FIGHT TO SEE WHO MAKES IT OUT IN FRONT !!
SOHOKU

DES-
PAIR
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DES-
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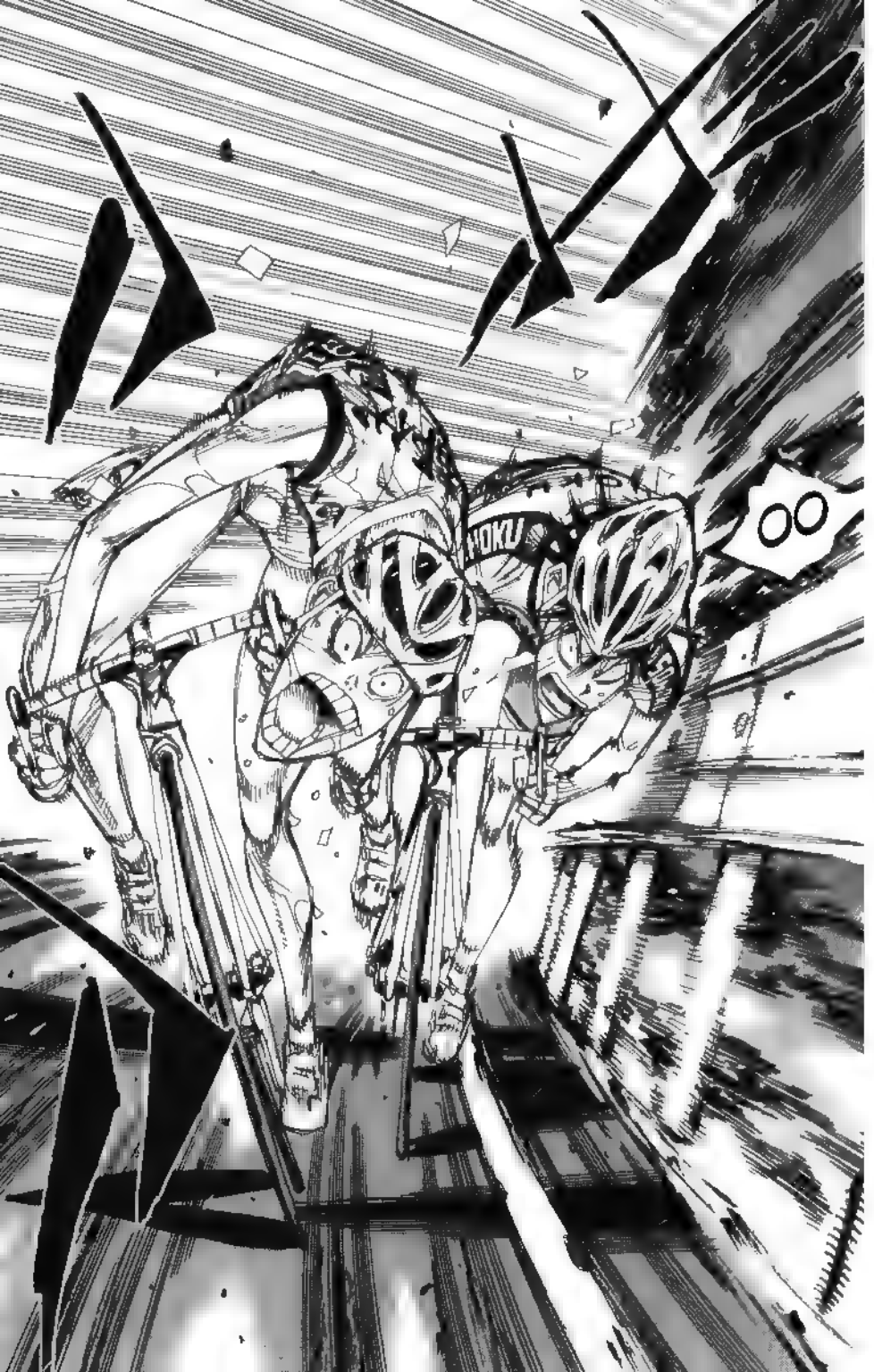
DES-
PAIR
!!
DES-
PAIR
...

YOU'VE STILL GOT ENERGY TO SPARE, HUH!
ALL RIGHT!!
C'MON, MIDOU-SUJI!!
I'LL TAKE THE RISKS!! LET'S GO!!

WE'LL RACE ON THIS 180 DEGREE CURVE!!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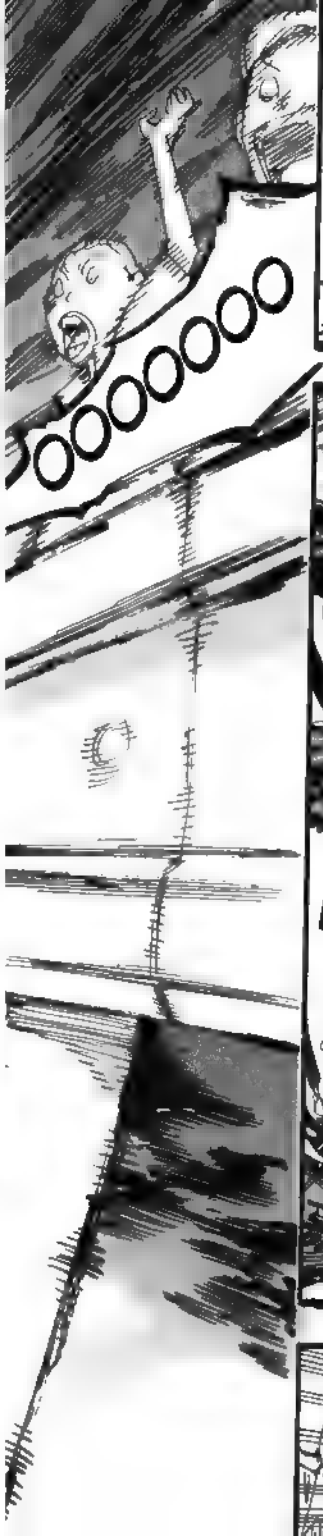
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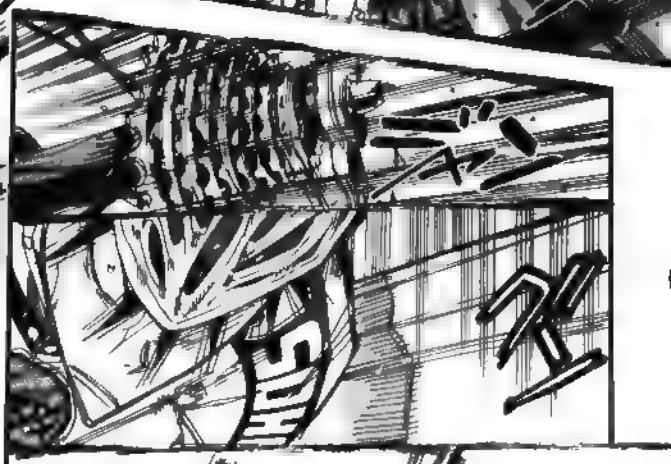
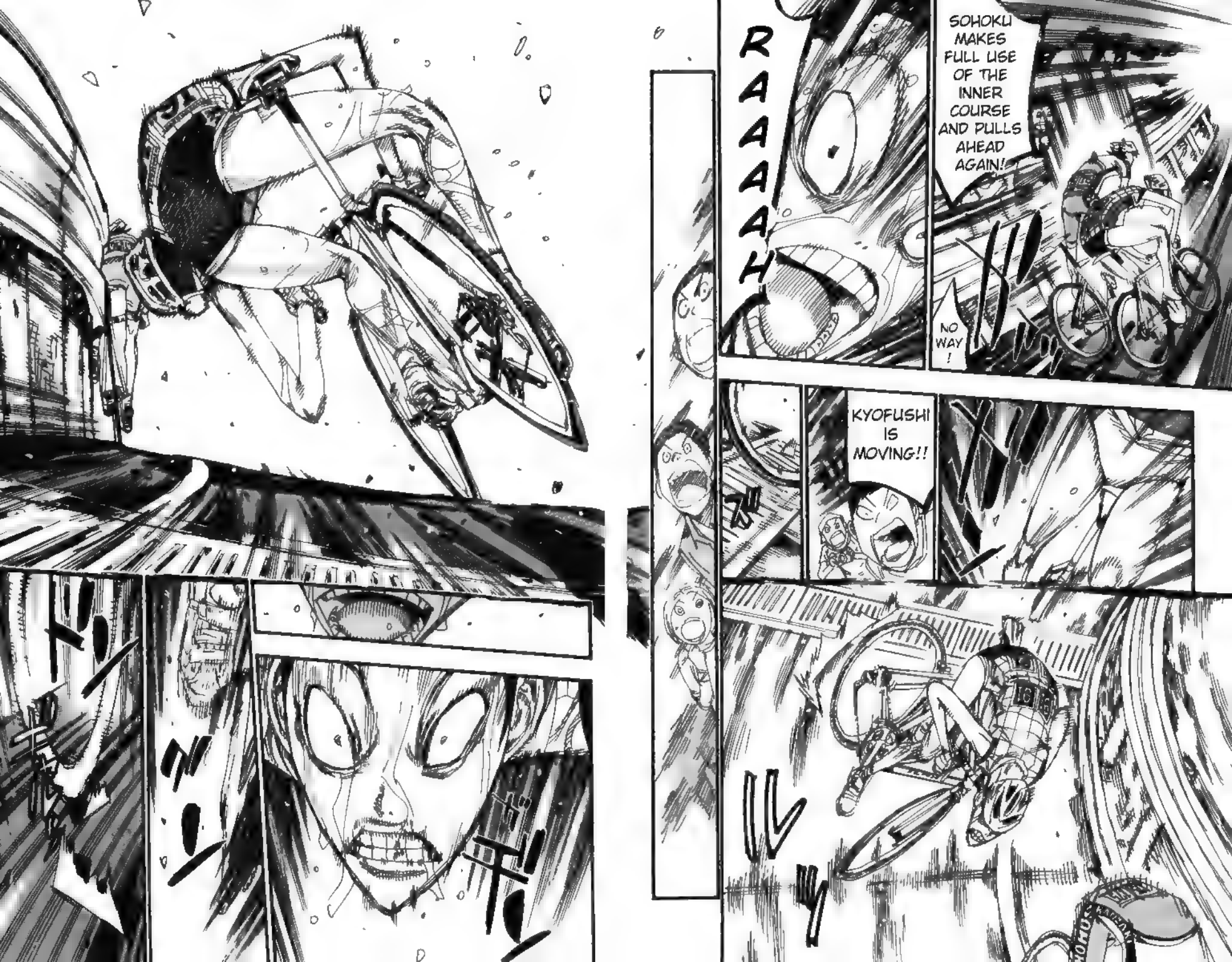
KYOFUSHI WENT AHEAD TO HOLD THE LEAD!



I WON'T LET YOU!!

SOHOKU JUST HIT HIS SHOULDER ON THE GUARD RAIL!


RAAAAH
SOHOKU MAKES FULL USE OF THE INNER COURSE AND PULLS AHEAD AGAIN!
NO WAY!
KYOFUSHI IS MOVING!!

HOLY SHIT!
HE SLIPPED ON THE GUTTER BUT FORCED HIMSELF BACK UP AGAIN!!
#91 IS AMAZING !!
THE RIGHT-TURN CURVE OF THE DOWNHILL IS NEXT! THIS TIME
IT'S BAD!!
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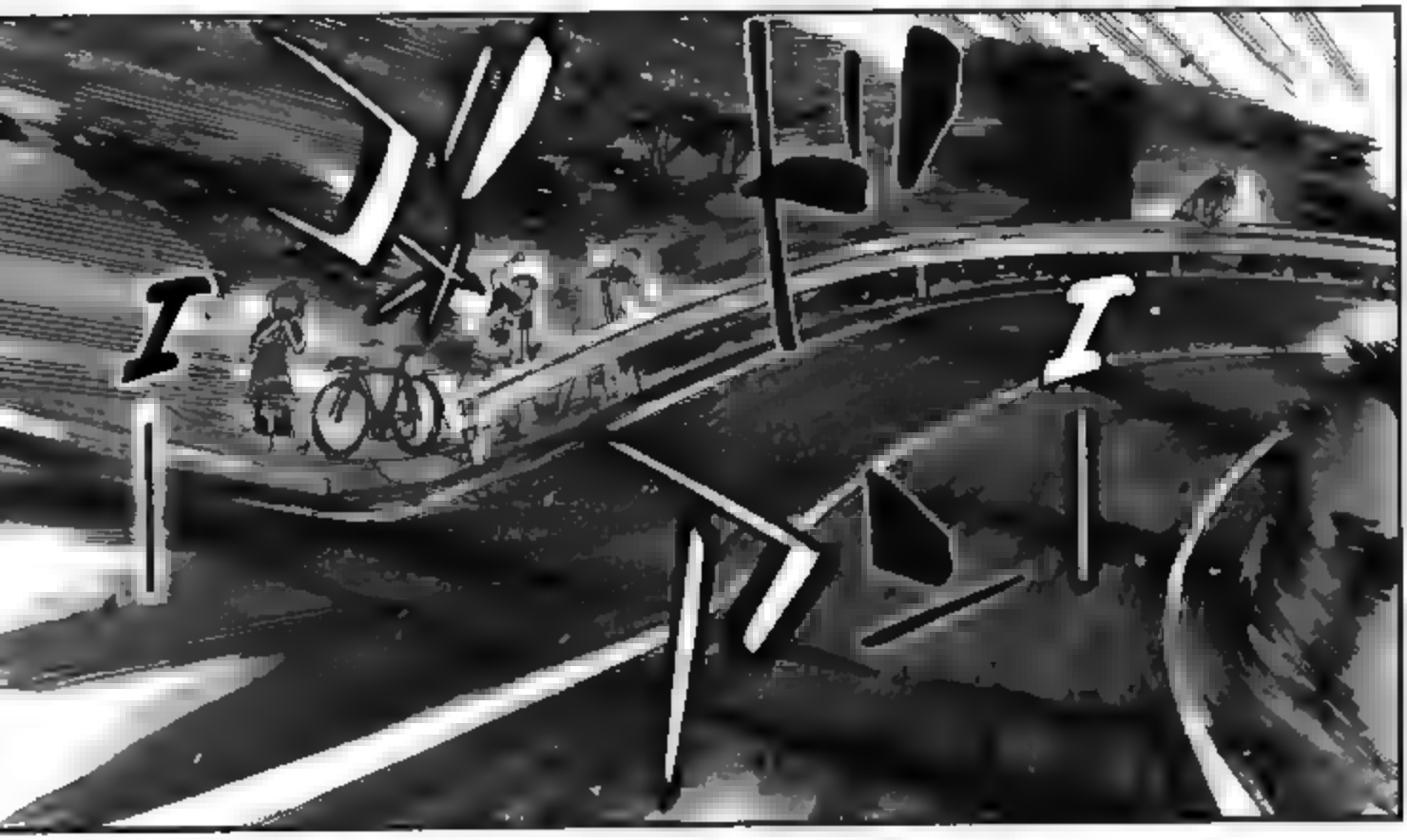
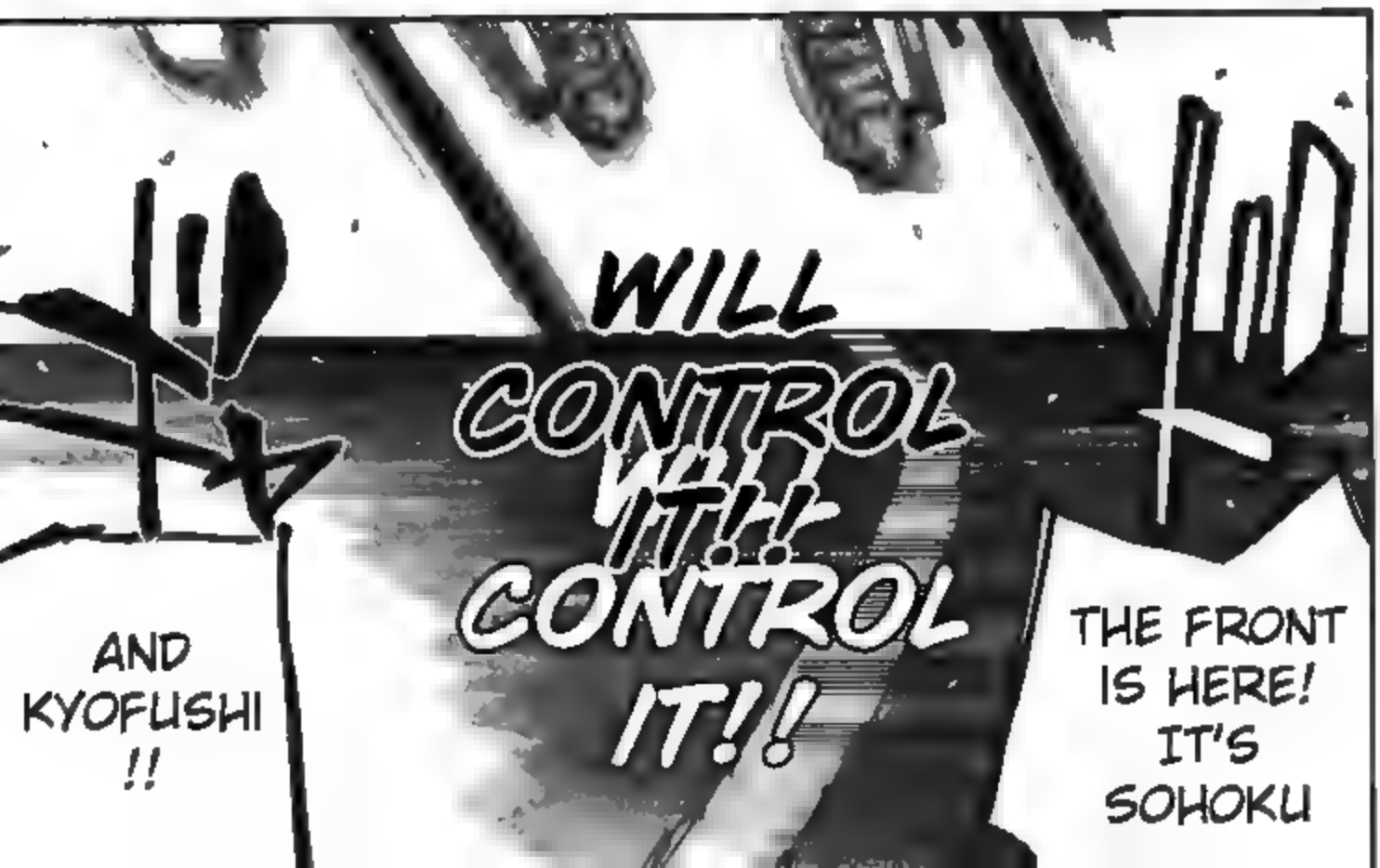
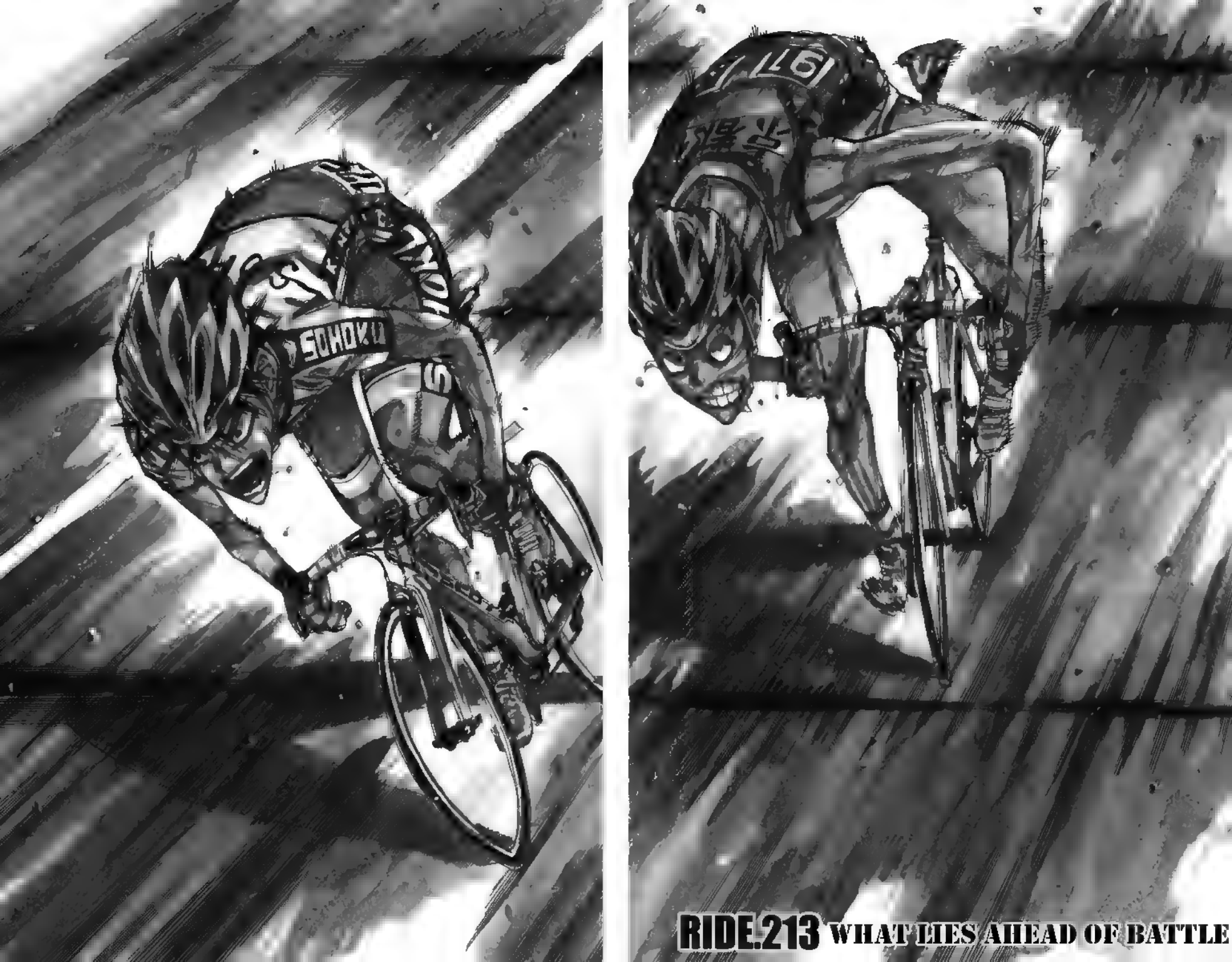
WHO WILL END UP LEADING THE FRONT?!
THERE'S NO SETTLING THIS RACE...!!
THEY'RE BOTH MOVING AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED

# RIDE.213 WHAT LIES AHEAD OF BATTLE






# RIDE.213 WHAT LIES AHEAD OF BATTLE

FATAL BATTLE
GOKU

SOHOKU IS IN FRONT!! KYOFUSHI IS RIGHT BEHIND HIM!!
SERIOUSLY, THEY'RE REALLY GETTING INTO IT!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY AREN'T FALLING OVER
THEY'RE FAST!
WHOA, LOOK AT THAT ANGLE!! THEY'RE REALLY TILTED!!
WOULD ALLOW YOU
TO KEEP THE FRONT ?!
DE...
DID YOU THINK THAT I

DES-
PAAA-
AAAA-
AAA-
AAAA-
AAIR!

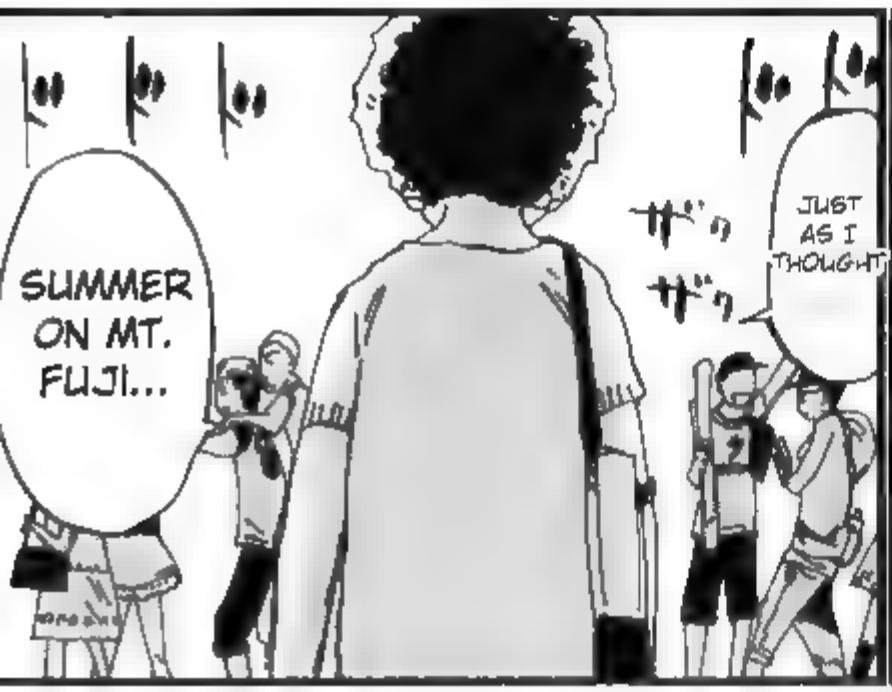
AT THAT SPEED ?!
WOW !
WAH !
PUSHING HIS HEAD INTO THE INNER CURVE TO FORCE HIS BODY THROUGH IT!!
NO WAY! #91 IS

3400 !!
I WON'T LET YOU, MIDOU-SUJI!!

UNTIL THEN
3300 LEFT!! THEN IT'S THE GOAL!!
I'M KEEPING MY PLACE AT THE VERY FRONT!!

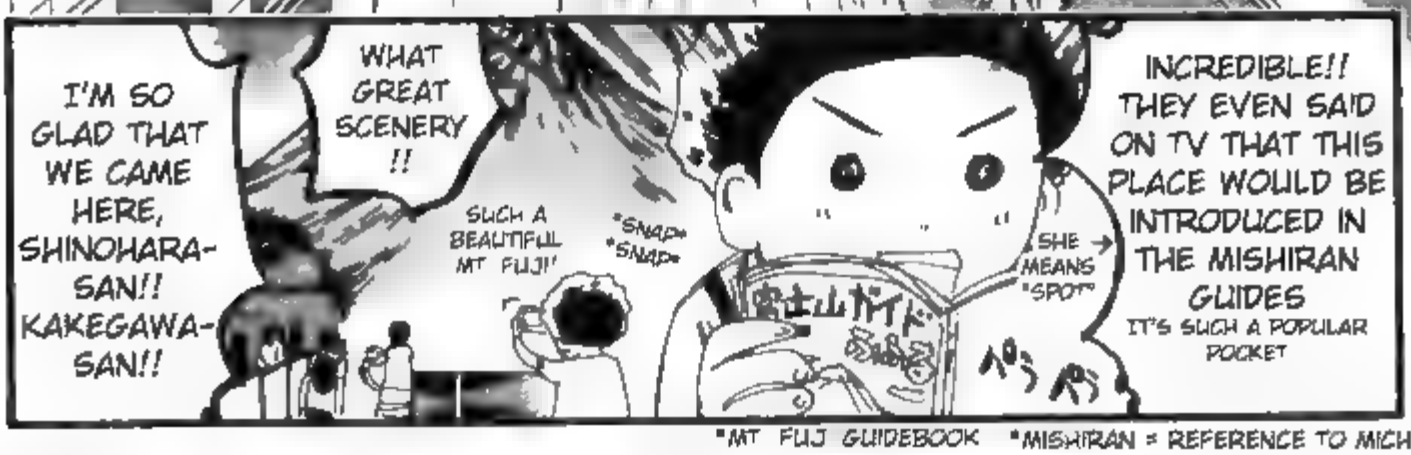
PIG-GYY-YY!!
WOOOOOHHHHHHH
I'LL RIDE IT ALL THE WAY TO MY LIMITS!!
SCOTT
*CRACK
AAII-RR-RRR!!

THE FIFTH PARKING LOT ON MT. FUJI'S AZAMI LINE (THE GOALPOINT)
GOAL
RACERS HAVE JUST NOW CROSSED THE 4KM MARK.
I CAN'T WAIT
THEY'RE COMING
SHIMANO



*BUS STOP -FIFTH PARKING LOT

*CAMERA CLICK


I'M SO GLAD THAT WE CAME HERE, SHINOHARA-SAN!! KAKEGAWA-SAN!!
WHAT GREAT SCENERY !!
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MT FUJI!
*SNAP* *SNAP*
INCREDIBLE!! THEY EVEN SAID ON TV THAT THIS PLACE WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE MISHIRAN GUIDES
IT'S SUCH A POPULAR POCKET
SHE → MEANS "SPOT"

*MT FUJI GUIDEBOOK *MISHIRAN = REFERENCE TO MICHELIN

GOAL GATE
FIFTH PARKING LOT
FUJI AZAMI LINE
TEMPORARY PARKING SPACE
AND RODE IT UP HERE...
I FOUND A BUS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN THAT WENT UP TO THE PEAK...
WHAT IS THIS?
WE GOT SEPARATED.
...OH YES.
GOT ALL EXCITED ABOUT EXTENDING OUR VACATION FOR ONE MORE DAY AND DECIDED TO GO TO MT FUJI
AFTER WE USUAL THREE HOUSEWIVES

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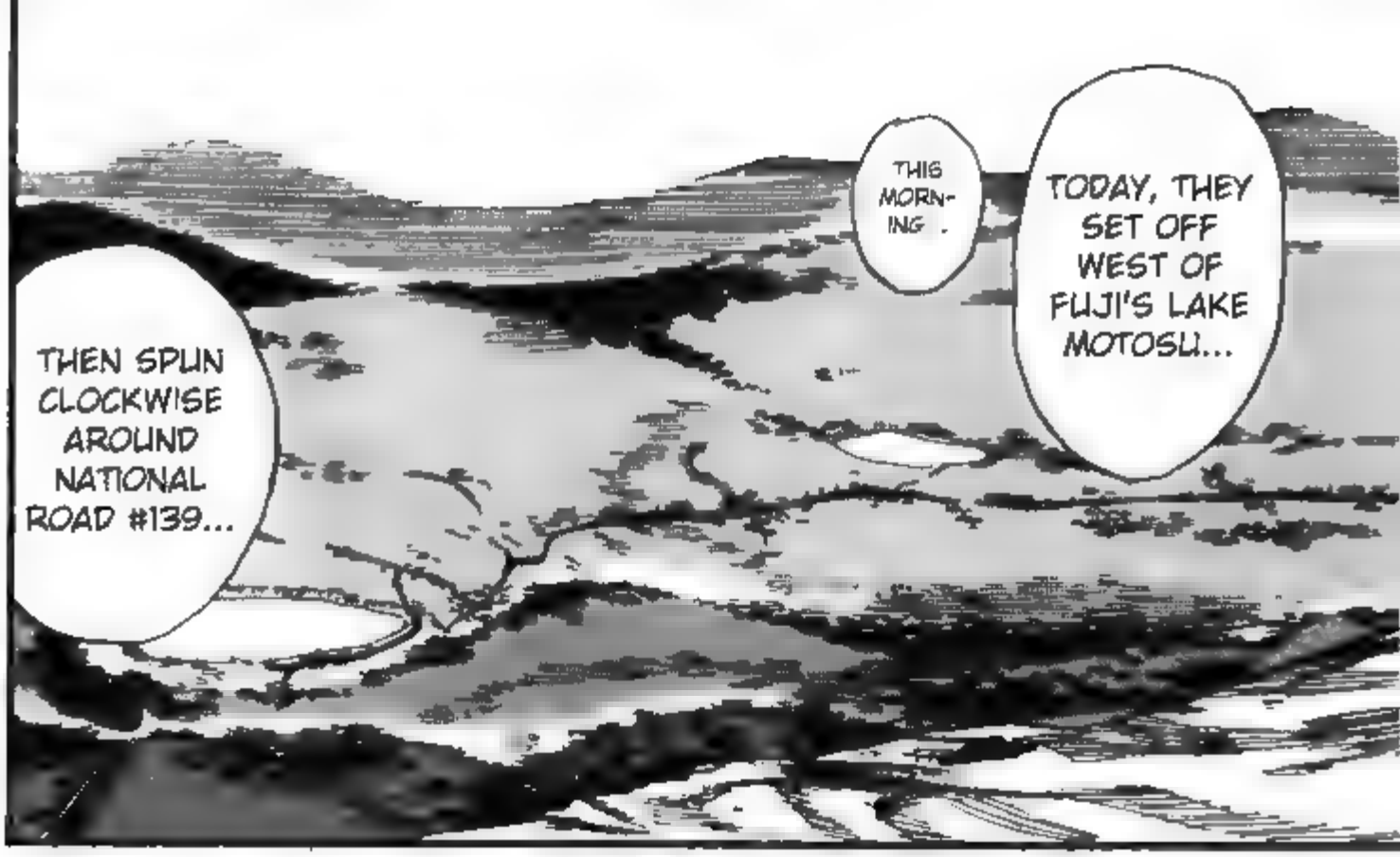
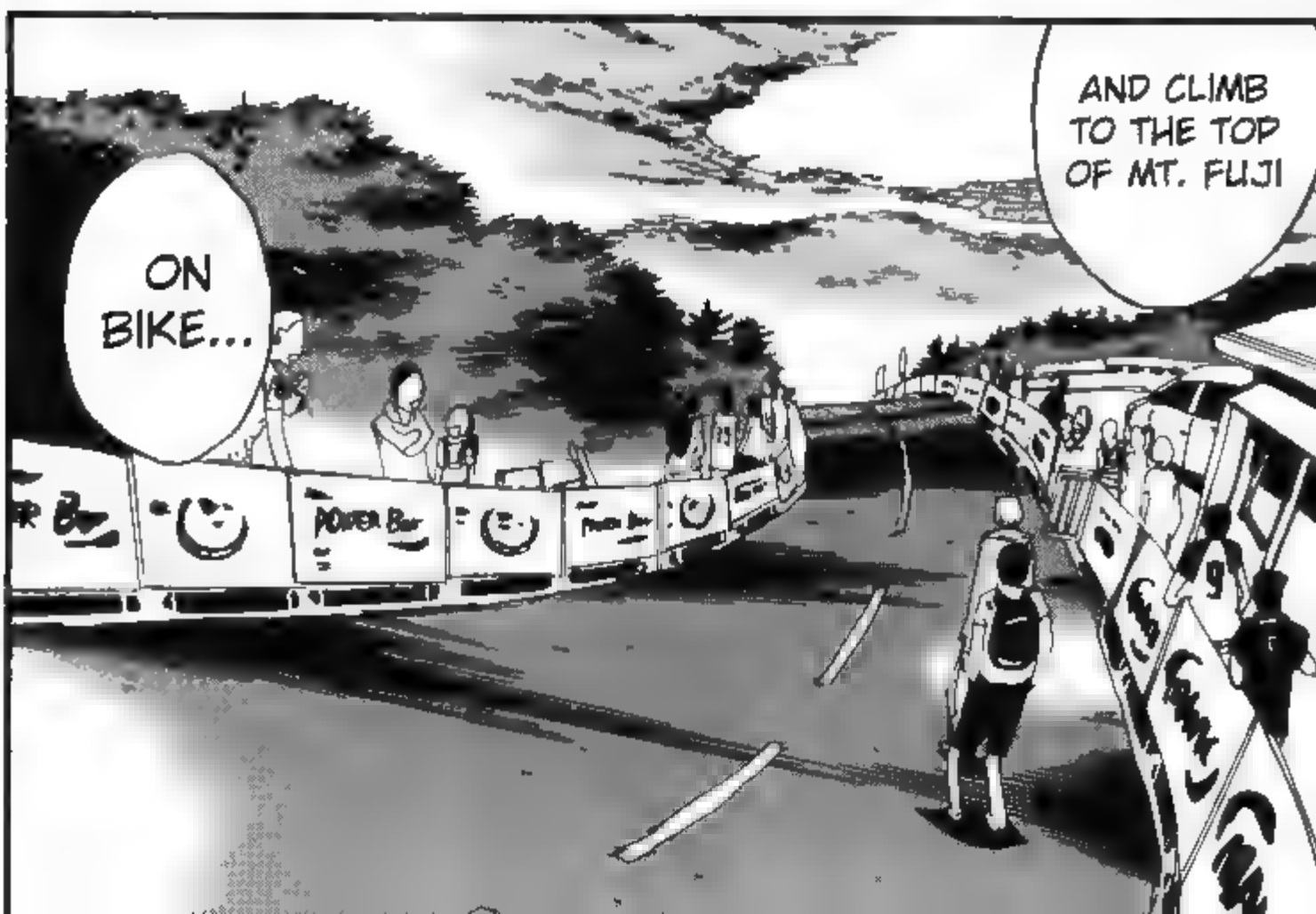
THE SHUTTLE BUS FOR SPECTATORS OF THE INTER-HIGH
THAT ONODA-SAN WENT ON THAT BUS, DO YOU?
THE PARKING LOT AT THE FOOT OF THE AZAM LINE
YOU DON'T THINK
↑KAKEGAWA-SAN
↑SHINOHARA-SAN
OH, IT'S HER!
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD GO BACK DOWN AND CHECK TO SEE IF THEY'RE STILL THERE. NOW, WHERE'S THE BUS BACK ..
EH ?!
YOU MUST HAVE SUCH A HUGE CRUSH!
Y-YES, I'M.. IN HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S A SCHOOL CALLED HAKONE ACADEMY IN KANA-GAWA.
ARE YOU A STUD-ENT?
THE GIRL WHO SAT NEXT TO ME ON THE BUS!
EHHH?!
どーーん
ON MT. FUJI !!

WAAH
T-THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EARLIER.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S JUST CANDY.
DID IT TASTE GOOD? IT CHEERED YOU UP DID IT?
EH
NEVER MIND THAT, WHERE'S THE BUS BACK DOWN?!
IN TERMS OF TIME, IT WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER FOUR P.M...
AND THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS OVER... THERE WILL BE A BUS BACK DOWN, SO...
A-AFTER THE GOAL IS MADE.
THE BUS BACK DOWN IS, UM...
*INTER-HIGH ROAD RACE GUIDEBOOK
I... DON'T THINK THEY DO...
I NEVER KNEW PEOPLE PLAYED SOCCER HERE...
IS THERE A SOCCER MATCH HERE?!
EHHH
GOAL ?!

T-THERE ARE GOING TO BE RACERS HEADING HERE
ON BIKES
UM, MY CLASS-MATE
FROM HAKONE ACADEMY, MANA...
MANAMI SANGAKU-KUN IS PART OF THIS RACE.
I FELT... LIKE SEEING MT. FUJI...
SO SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL?
N-NOT THAT HE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME BEING HERE, REALLY!!
I JUST THOUGHT I'D DO SANGAKU A FAVOR AND TAKE A MOMENT TO WATCH HIM, EVEN THOUGH HE'S ALWAYS ON A BIKE ANYWAY!!
I KNEW IT... YOU DO HAVE A HUGE CRUSH.
ON MT. FUJI.
EH
MT. FUJI ?!
THAT'S SO RARE TO SEE IN A YOUNGSTER.


TODAY, THEY SET OFF WEST OF FUJI'S LAKE MOTOSU...
THIS MORN-ING .
THEN SPUN CLOCKWISE AROUND NATIONAL ROAD #139...

AND IT LOOKS LIKE IN THIS RACE, THEY'L.. GOES PAST LAKE KAWAGUCHI AND LAKE YAMANAKA


AND CLIMB TO THE TOP OF MT. FUJI
ON BIKE...
POWER Bar

ON BIKE?!
EVEN DRIVING UP HERE BY CAR IS HARD! EH? A RACE?!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY KILOMETERS IT IS?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT ANYONE CAN GET UP HERE BY BIKE.
WAIT A SECOND, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I THINK IT'S AMAZING TOO.
WELL, IT'S WRITTEN HERE...
FAST ENOUGH TO BRING UP A WIND.
THEY BIKE AT INCREDI-BLE SPEED.
I WAS WATCHING YESTERDAY SO I COULD HAND HIM RICE BALLS
CYCLE...
RECYCLE?
IT'S APPARENT-LY CALLED A CYCLE ROAD RACE.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

BUT HE WAS SO FAST

I COULDN'T HAND IT TO HIM.

EH, DO YOU MEAN ON MT FUJI?
YOU HAVE SUCH A HUGE CRUSH. TEEHEE
IF YOU WAIT HERE A LITTLE LONGER, THE RACERS WILL BE ARRIVING SOON! WOULD YOU LIKE TO WATCH WITH ME?!
I-I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE IT!

HYNAAHH
NO, ON THAT BOY MANAMI SANGAKU.
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ズバッ!!

WOW ...
LET ME GUESS .. YOU TRY TO HELP HIM WITH HIS STUDIES BUT HE'S ALWAYS PUTTING HIS BIKE BEFORE YOU, SO YOUR FEELINGS STAY MUDDLED AND YOU'RE FRUSTRATED THAT HE ISN'T NOTICING HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM.. IS THAT RIGHT?
"CHATTER"
"CHATTER"
"CHATTER"
TEEHEE, YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ROMANCE TOO, YOU KNOW.
I GREW UP WITH HIM, HE'S JUST A FRIEND!! ALL HE DOES IS SLEEP ALL DAY
OH JEEZ !!!
THE TIRES ARE THIN TOO.
ARE YOU CHANGING THE SUBJECT?
HYAH
THEY RIDE REALLY THIN BIKES LIKE THIS ONE.
Panasonic
OH, I'M NOT REALLY SURE, BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A GRANNY BIKE.
HE RIDES BIKES TOO.
EH?
I HAVE A SON WHO'S IN HIS FIRST-YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

EVER SINCE HE WAS YOUNG, HE'D OFTEN GO TO AKIBA BY BIKE.
IT HAD ME REALLY WORR-IED
SO I HAD A BIKE MECHANIC COME AND MAKE CHANGES TO IT.
HE ISN'T VERY GOOD AT SOCIALIZING WITH OTHER PEOPLE.
RIGHT NOW, IT SEEMS THAT HE'S HAVING A GATHERING OF SOME SORT WITH HIS CLUB
IT'S AN ANIME CLUB OR SOMETHING
BUT HE'S NATUR-ALLY A CHEERFUL KID
HE'S ABLE TO EMPHATIZE WITH OTHERS.
BUT BEING TOO NICE CAUSES HIM TO GET HURT SOMETIMES, I THINK.

WITH SOMETHING BIG, TO HANDLE A BIG ROLE THAT WOULD MAKE HIM USEFUL TO OTHERS.
IT WOULD BE GOOD TO LEAVE HIM
IT'S IN THOSE TIMES
THAT BOYS MATURE, DON'T YOU THINK?

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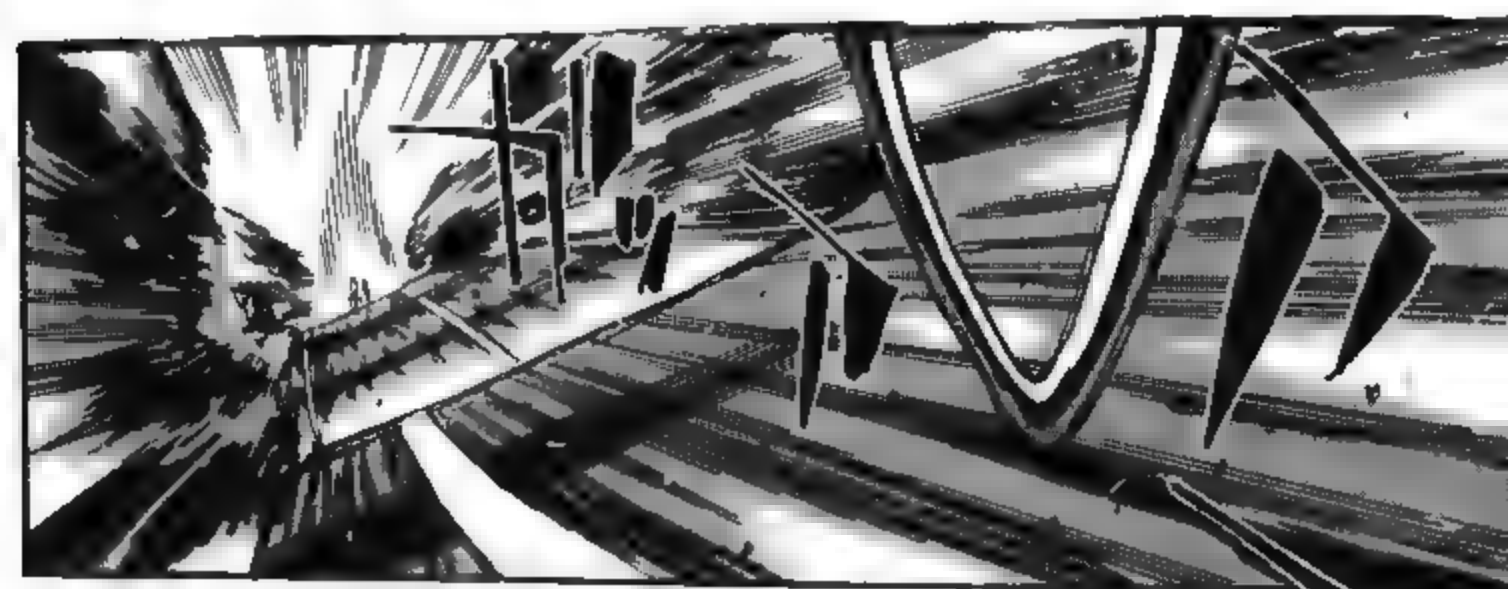
SOHOKO



IMAIZUMI-KUN
MIDOUSUJI-KUN
THEY'RE FAST
THEY'RE FAST

I MUST FOLLOW HIM
BUT
DOWNHILLS ARE SCARY
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EVEN IF MY LEGS CRAMP
SOHOH
"OKAY"
"FOLLOW ME"
EVEN IF IT HURTS TO BREATHE
THAT'S MY ROLE!!!
I'M NOT SCARED
I'M NOT SCARED
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EVERY-
ONE
TRUST-
ED
THIS
JERSEY
TO
ME!!
MAKI-
SHIMA-
SAN
AND
NARUKO-
KUN
TADO-
KORO-
SAN
AND
KINJOU-
SAN

WRENCH IT APART !!
AN OPEN-ING !!
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ONE

MORE
TIIIIIII-
MMME
!!
SOKOKU

ONCE THIS CURVE ENDS, THE CLIMBING STARTS AGAIN.
GAINING A MARGIN AT THE FRONT IS HUGE!!
IT'S THE LAST DOWNHILL WHERE THE BOTH OF US ARE WRINGING OUT THE LAST OF OUR POWER.
YOU WON'T HAVE IT!!
OOO-OPE-EEEN!!
ALL THE WAY TO THE GOAL
MY LEGS WILL HOLD
LESS THAN 3000 TO GO

WE
IF I KEEP HOLDING HIM BACK AND CROSS THE GOAL
I WILL WIN!!
*CREAK
WOOOOOOH
WIN!!

*CRACK
WHAT IS THAT SOUND
!?

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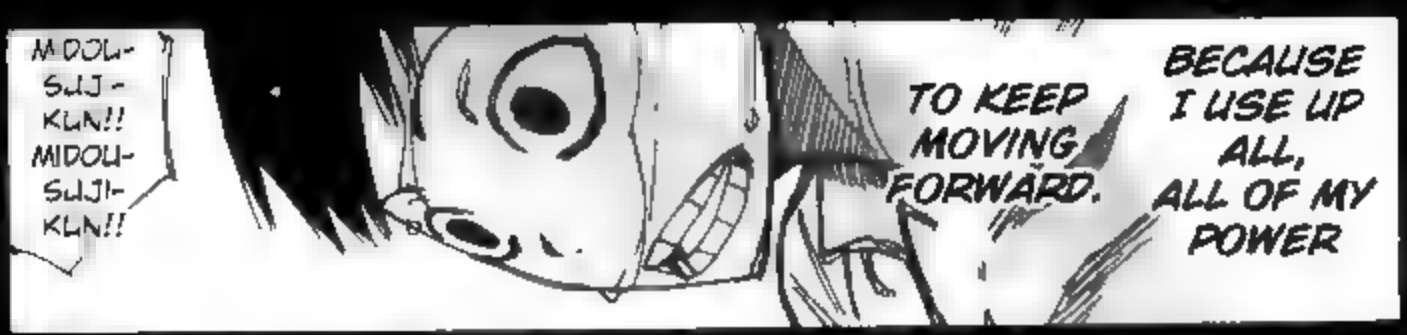

THAT ALONE
THE FEELING OF "HAPPI-NESS"
THE FEEL-ING OF "YEL-LOW"
BUT BEFORE I REACH THE GOAL, BEFORE I BECOME EMPTY, I FEEL IT.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.
THAT SPRINT YOU MADE RIGHT BEFORE THE GOAL WAS INCRED-IBLE!
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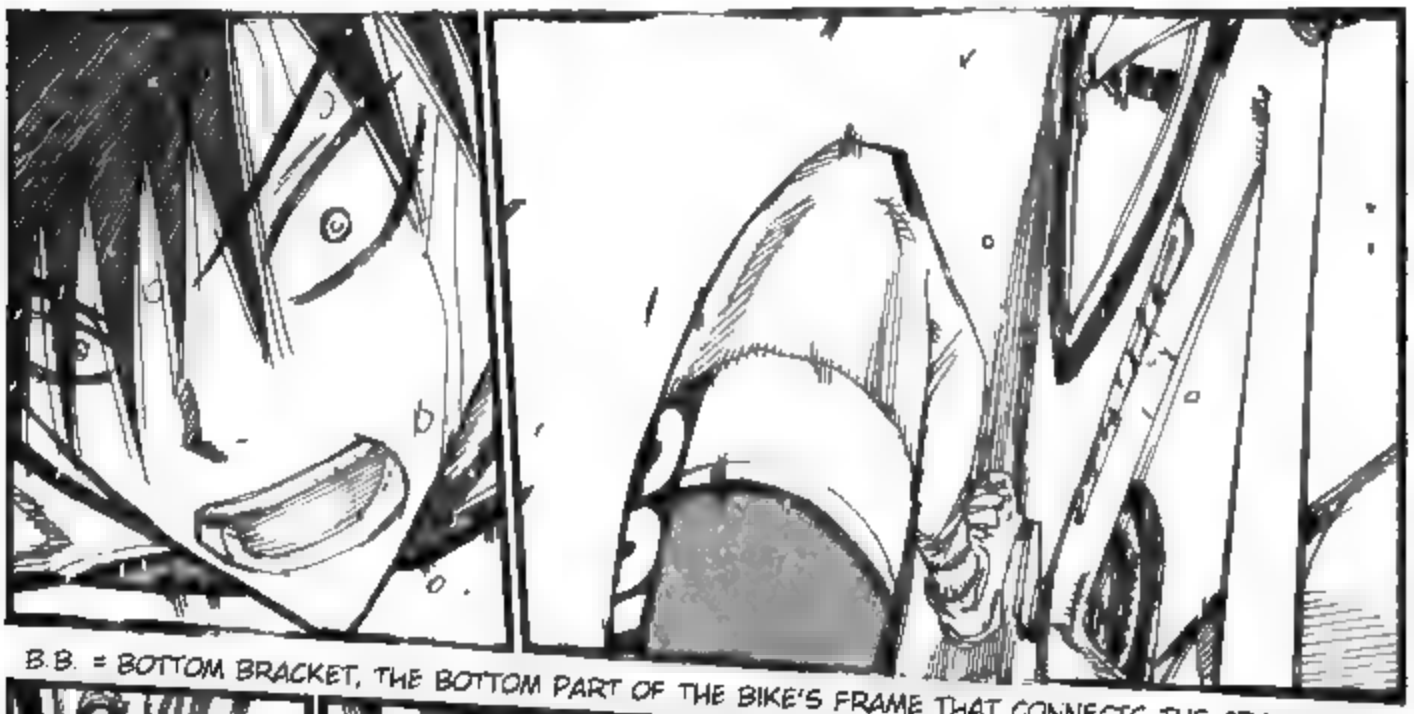
CONGRATS ON WINNING! DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?
START

# RIDE.214 FULL SPEED DASH



B.B. = BOTTOM BRACKET, THE BOTTOM PART OF THE BIKE'S FRAME THAT CONNECTS THE CRANKSET

THE MANY PARTS OF THE BIKE OFTEN GET DAMAGED FROM THE INCREASING PRESSURE.
ROAD-RACING TAKES LONG HOURS OF COMPETITION.
TIRES, FRAME, HANDLES, SADDLE, GROUPSET...
SO THE BIKE ITSELF IS SCREAMING!!
110 km/h
IT'S CERTAIN!!

KYO-FUSHI LINED UP ON THE LAST BIT OF THE DOWN-HILL!!
HE MOVED UP FROM THE SIDES!
SOHOKU ISN'T GOING AS QUICK!


SOHOKU
IT'S CERT-AINN-NNN!!

BY GAINING THE LEAD HERE
AFTER THIS DOWNHILL, ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE CLIMB TO THE GOAL.
I'LL MOVE UP FRONT ON THE RISING CLIMB!!

I WILL USE WHAT-EVER MEANS NECES-SARY
VIC-TORY
VIC-TORY
MY VICTORY IS CERTAIN!!
TO WIN!!
KR
WITH A BROKEN FRAME, IT WON'T DIE RIGHT AWAY.
THAT IT'S NOT A FLAT TIRE... OR A BROKEN CHAIN...
THANK GOOD-NESS
!?

I CAN STILL MAKE IT TO THE GOAL!!
I WILL WIN! I WILL WIN!!
I
WOOH
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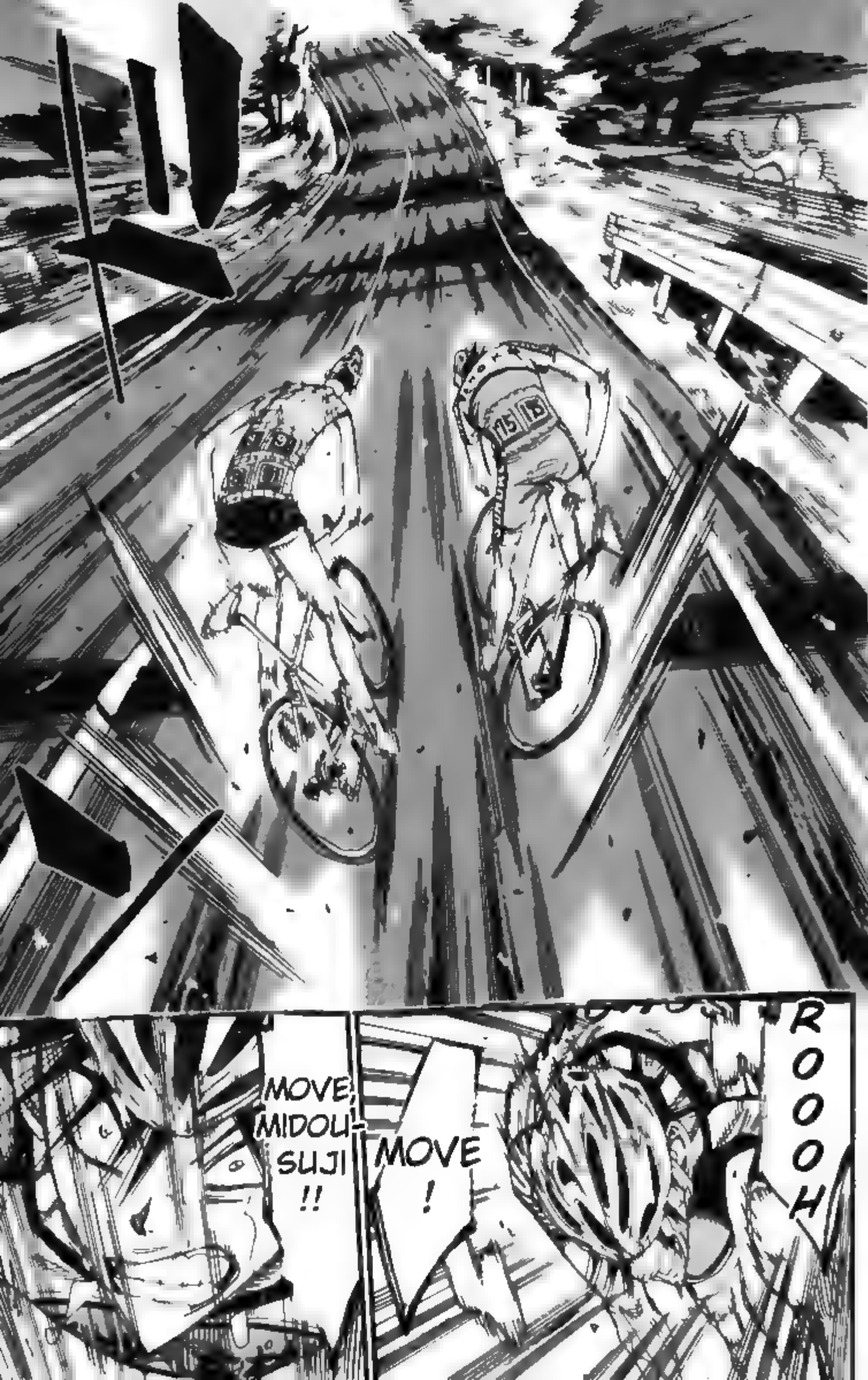
OF A LOSER DOG!!
THAT'S THE NOISY HOWLING


MOVE, MIDOU-SUJI !!
MOVE !
ROOOH

GROSS
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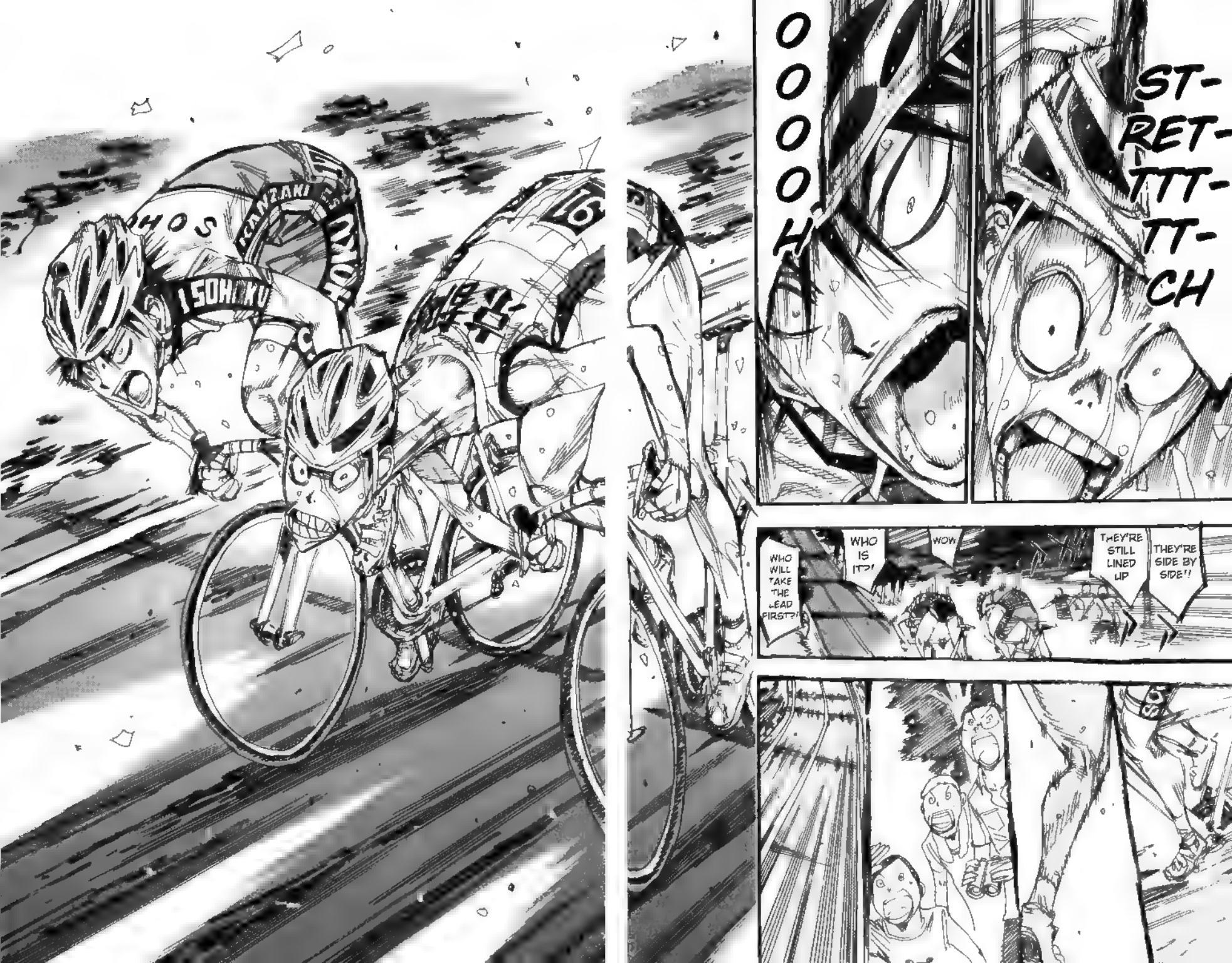
KAMAZAKI
ISOHIKU
OOOOH
ST-
RET-
TTT-
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CH
WHO WILL TAKE THE LEAD FIRST?!
WHO IS IT?!
WOW
THEY'RE STILL LINED UP
THEY'RE SIDE BY SIDE!!

*ARON FALPHA, A REFERENCE TO ARON ALPHA, AN INSTANT ADHESIVE GLUE

STAA-
AAL
!!
CRY-
I WILL
TAKE
THE
LEAD!!
FOR-
WARD
!!
FOR-
WARD
!!
I
AM
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# THE MAN WHO WILL FLY AFTER CRUSHING THE ENTIRE WORLD UNDER HIS FEET

## MIDOUSUJI AKIRA-KUN

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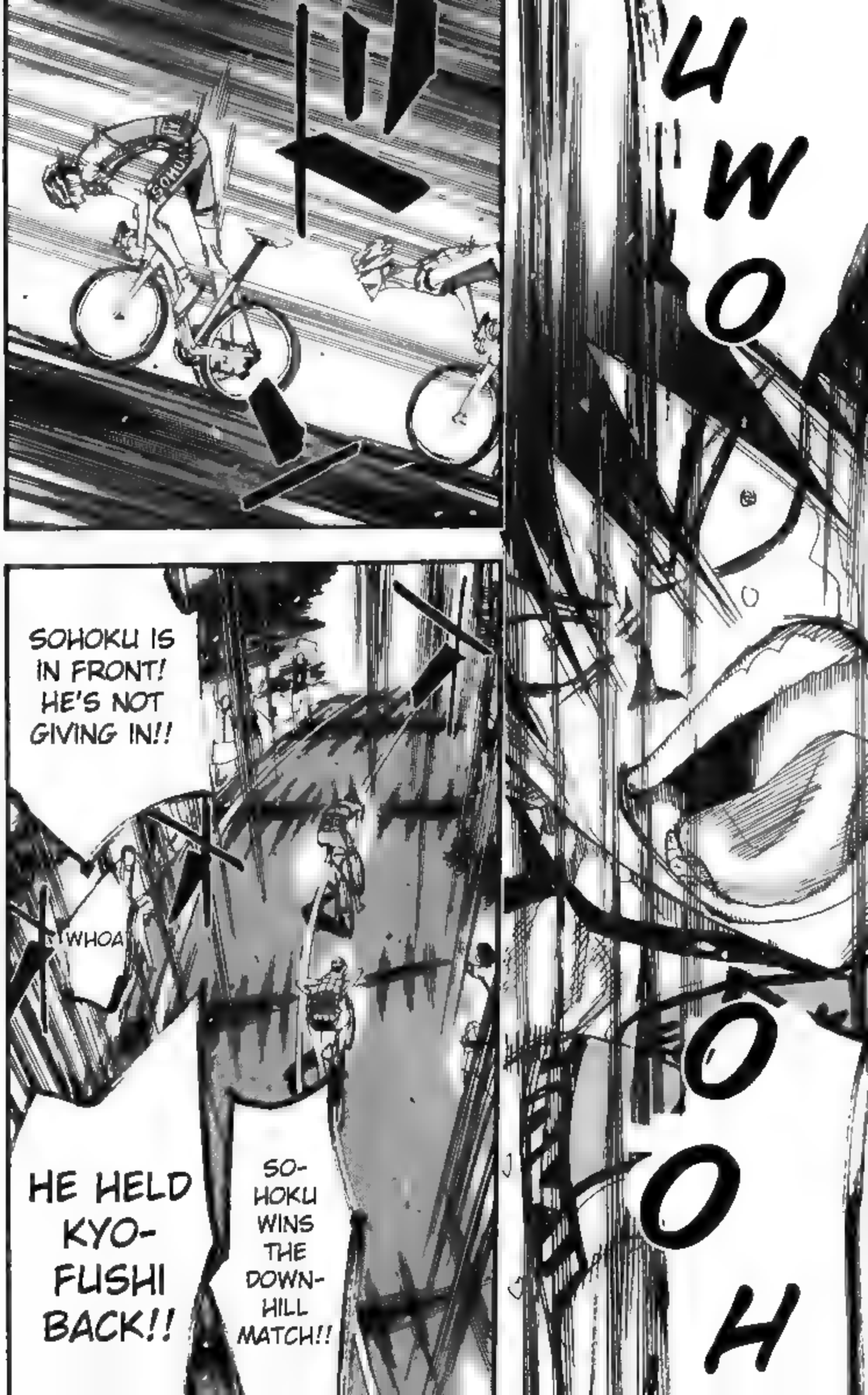
SOHOKU
WHOA
SOHOKU IS IN FRONT! HE'S NOT GIVING IN!!
WHOA
HE HELD KYO-FUSHI BACK!!
SO-HOKU WINS THE DOWN-HILL MATCH!!

AWE-SOME, SOHOKU!
THE CLIMB IS NEXT! HE JUST KEEPS GOING
HAAH?!
A BUTT...? HIS BUTT?!
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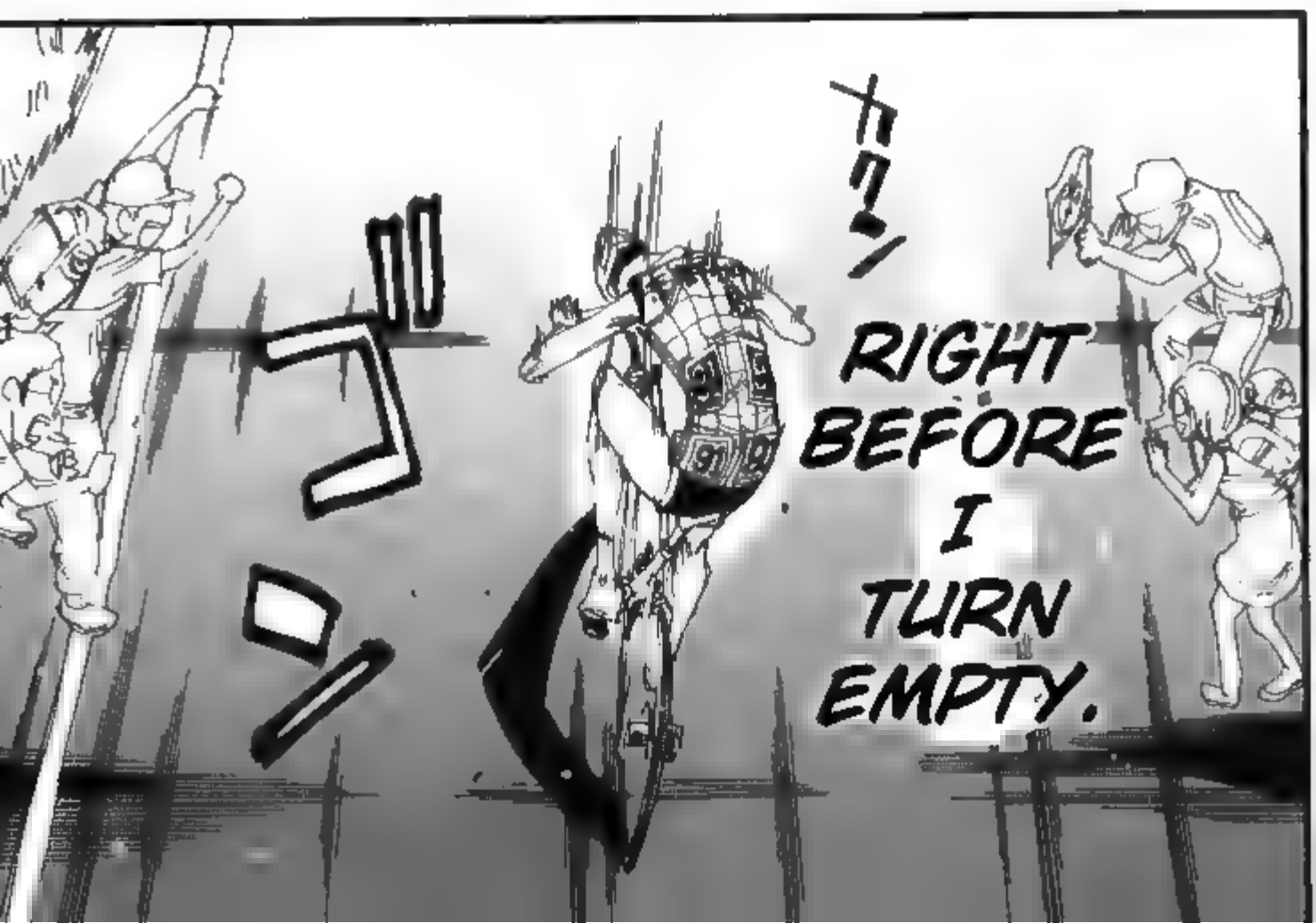
WHAT IS THIS I'M SEEING? HAAH?
WHAT
OH NO...
IT'S YELLOW.

THE COLOR AFTER I HAVE USED UP
THE COLOR OF HAPPINESS
THE COLOR OF RACING
EVERY-THING..

# RIDE215 #91

IT'S THE COLOR OF WHEN I HAVE USED UP EVERYTHING

YELLOW IS THE COLOR OF HAPPINESS.



RIDE.215 #91

THAT'S RIGHT, VICTORY
VICTORY?
OH NO
IF MY LEFT LEG FAILS
I'M GOING TO KEEP WIN-NING

JUST TURN
I JUST HAVE TO TURN MY RIGHT
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I JUST HAVE TO TURN
PIGGY-ZUMI IS... IN FRONT OF ME...
FOR-WARD ... FOR-WARD ...

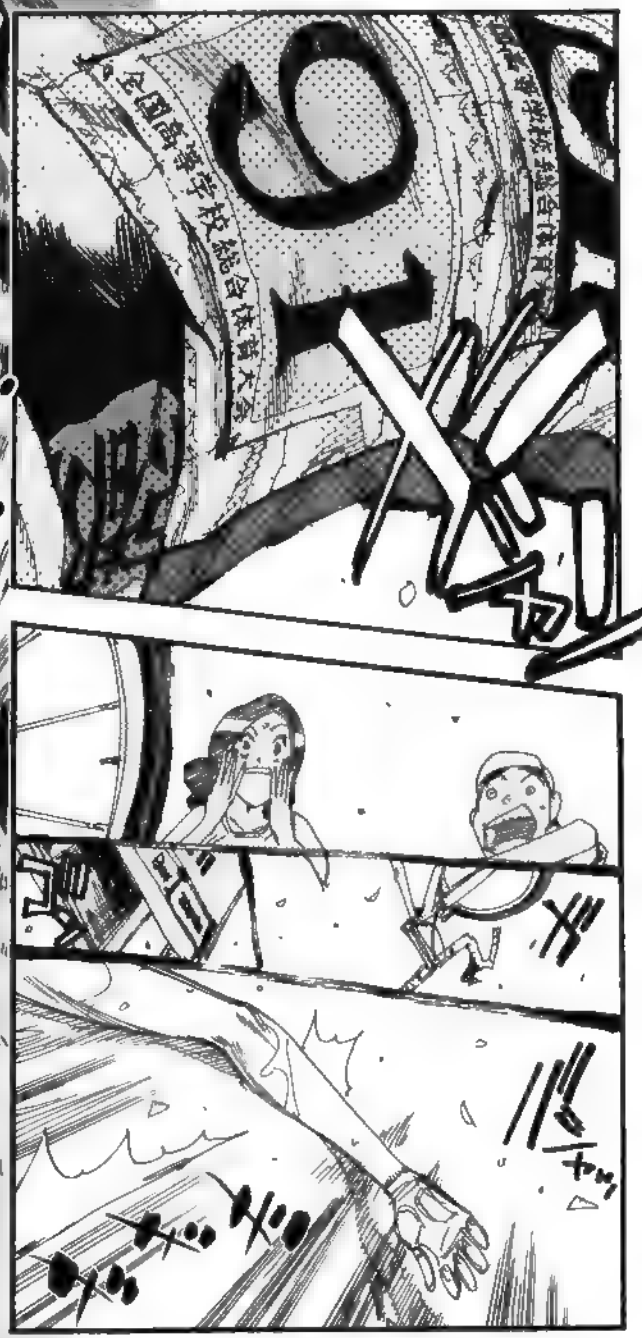
HE'S NOT THERE
HUH
THAT PIGGY-ZUMI
DID I ALREADY OVER-TAKE HIM?
WHERE IS HE

I JUST HAVE TO GET PAST HIM

THAT PURE DRIVE!!
BY YOUR STRENGTH
BY YOUR INSISTENCE IN MOVING FORWARD NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
I WAS CHANGED BECAUSE OF YOU.
WHY AM I REMEMBERING THAT ZAKU INSTEAD
WHERE IS HE.....!?
NO.
PLEASE, REMEMBER THEM WHEN THAT TIME COMES.
I GIVE YOU THESE WORDS
ARE YOU GIVING ME ADVICE? YOU?
MY LEGS ARE DEAD. LET ME SAY ONE LAST THING
MIDOU-SUJI
MIDOU-SUJI
FOR WHENEVER YOU FEEL HOPELESS.
SO
OBLITERATE YOUR VERY SELF
YOU ARE TOO PURE.
FEELINGS THAT ARE TOO PURE SOMETIMES OBLITERATE YOU.

YOU HAVE A FUTURE.
GROSS
RESULTS WILL ALWAYS BE REWARDED ONE DAY.

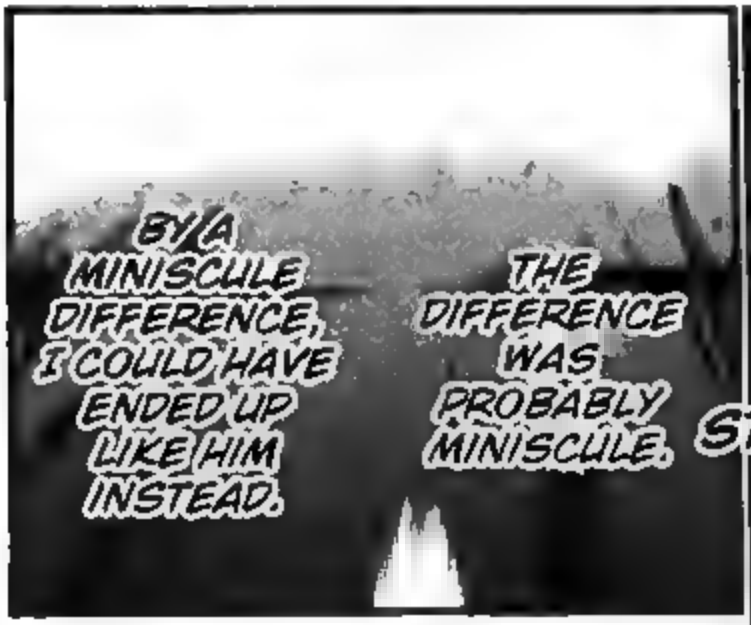
GROSS ... ISHI-GAKI-KUUUN... YOU REALLY ARE...



SOHOKU
KANZAKI
HE CRASH-ED!!

MIDOU-SUJI
SO...HE EXHAUSTED EVERY-THING...

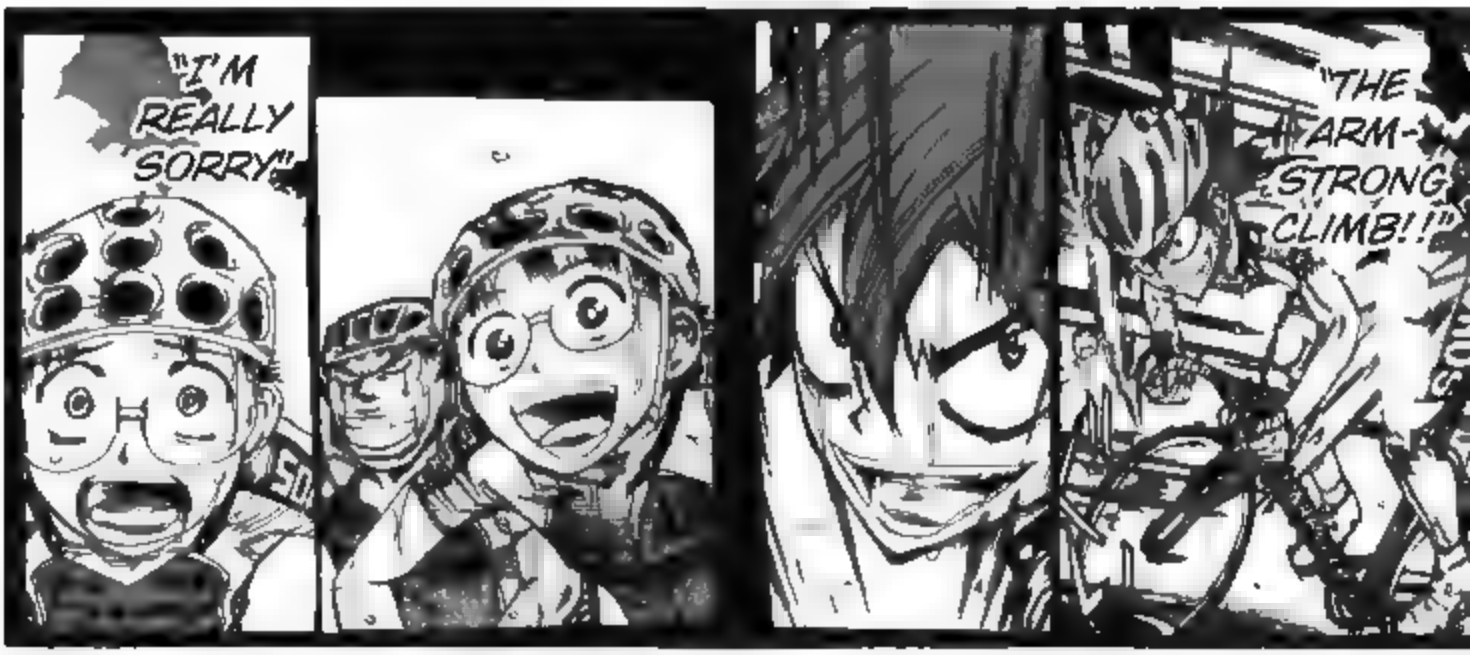
*CREAK CREAK


BY A MINISCULE DIFFERENCE, I COULD HAVE ENDED UP LIKE HIM INSTEAD.
THE DIFFERENCE WAS PROBABLY MINISCULE.

HE WAS STRONG.
I COULDN'T TELL WHICH OF US WOULD WIN

ME.
I BEAT HIM...
I GAVE UP ON THIS RACE TWICE.
I THREW IT AWAY!!
I DIDN'T DROP THAT
BE-CAUSE I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE
IN THIS INTER-HIGH
I NO LONGER HAVE A REASON TO RACE
OHO
LET'S GO
OKAY!!
IT'S OUR LAST RACE!!
WITHIN THESE THREE DAYS.
GR-W AND IM-PROVE
BUT THERE WAS SOME-ONE WHO STILL NEEDED ME DESPITE MY FLAWS.
IMA-IZUMI
YOU DROPPED THIS

THERE WERE UNBELIEV-ABLE GUYS
WHO PULLED OFF INCREDIBLE STUNTS BEFORE MY VERY EYES.


"I'M REALLY SORRY"
"THE ARM-STRONG CLIMB!!"

I HAVE ARMS AND LEGS, BUT WHAT'S PROPELLING ME HERE, RIGHT NOW
SOHO
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"HOT-SHOT ONODA-KUN."
"SORRY"

I GAVE MY TRUST, AND WAS ENTRUSTED IN TURN
ISN'T MY POWER ALONE.

AWESOME
SOHOKU IS IN THE LEAD!
YOU'VE REACHED 3 KILOMETERS, KEEP GOING!
SOHOKU
IT'S THANKS TO THINGS LIKE THAT
AND I WAS PROTECTED.

THE THINGS THAT EVERYONE BUILT UP, THAT I CAN KEEP MOVING!!

HERE I GO
SOHOKU
FULL SPEED TO THE GOAL
SOHOKU
DON'T DES-PAIR!!
DON'T SLOW DOWN !!
I'M GOING !!
2700 LEFT !!
I AM SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL'S ACE, IMAIZUMI SHUNSUKE!!

PLUNGE STRAIGHT ON THROUGH!-! SOHOKU'S JERSEY!!
*CREAK
THE FRAME WON'T LET ME GO FAST-ER
BUT IT WILL HOLD !!
!
WIND?
SOHOKU
EH
SOHOKU

HAKI

HAKO...
GAKU?!
CREAK
I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU, IMAIZUMI-KUN.
HEY THERE.
WE
ARE STRONG!!
HA-KO-NE ACA-DEMY
!!

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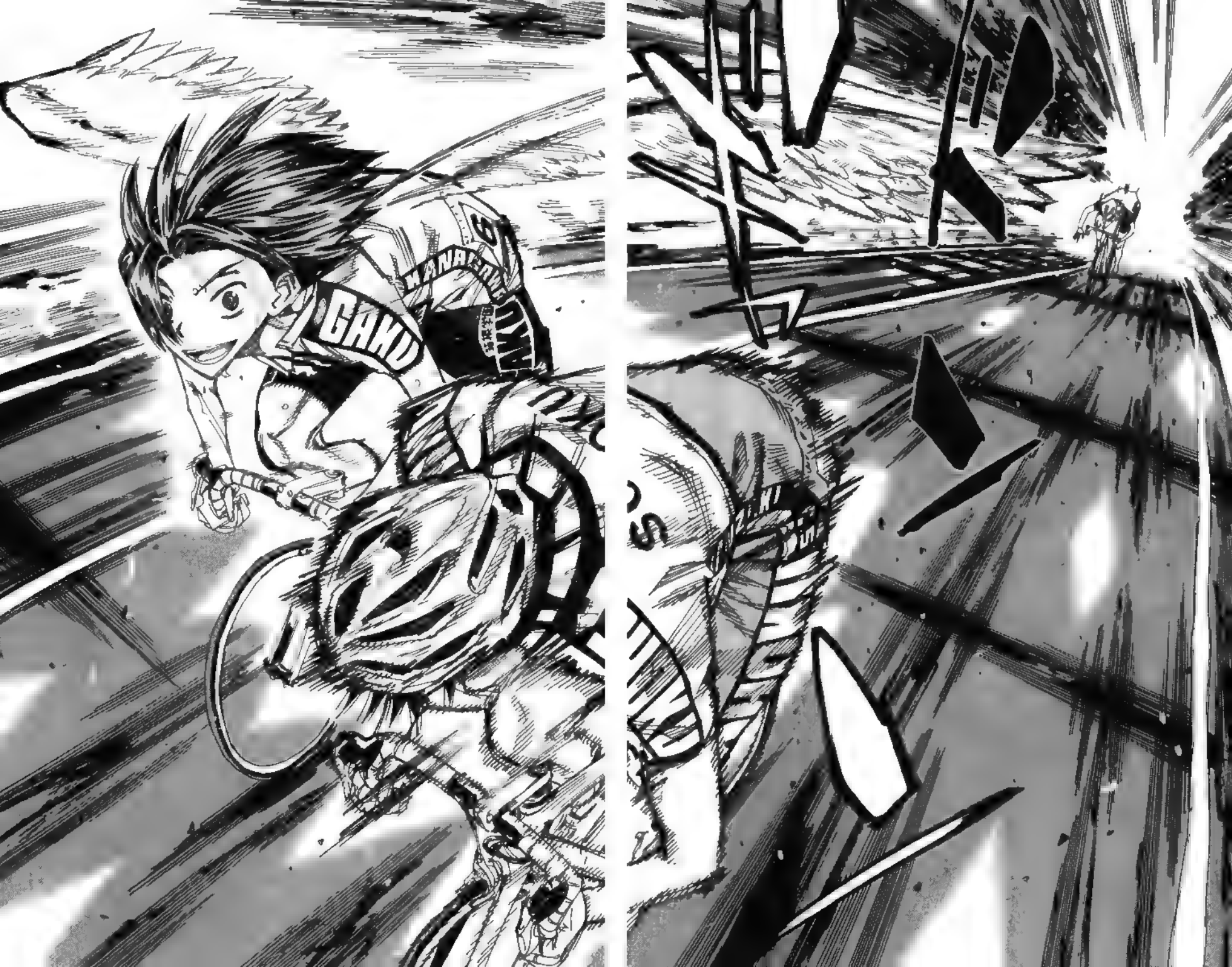
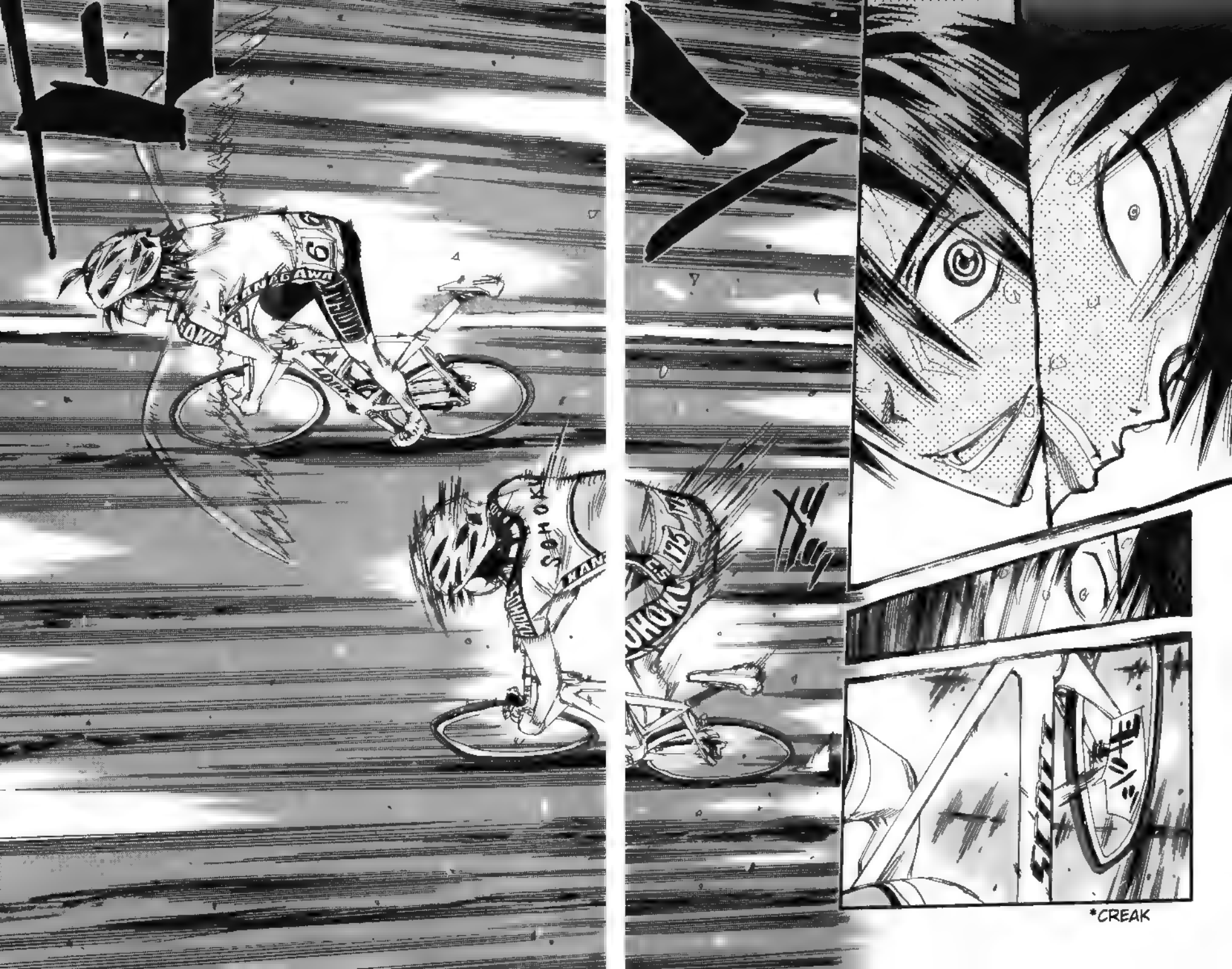
THE SIXTH MAN

HAK!

I'M GOING, FUKU-TOMI-SAN!
GO!!
MANA-MI!!




*CREAK

WOOOH
UGH
GOKU
HAKOGA
GOKU
GOKU

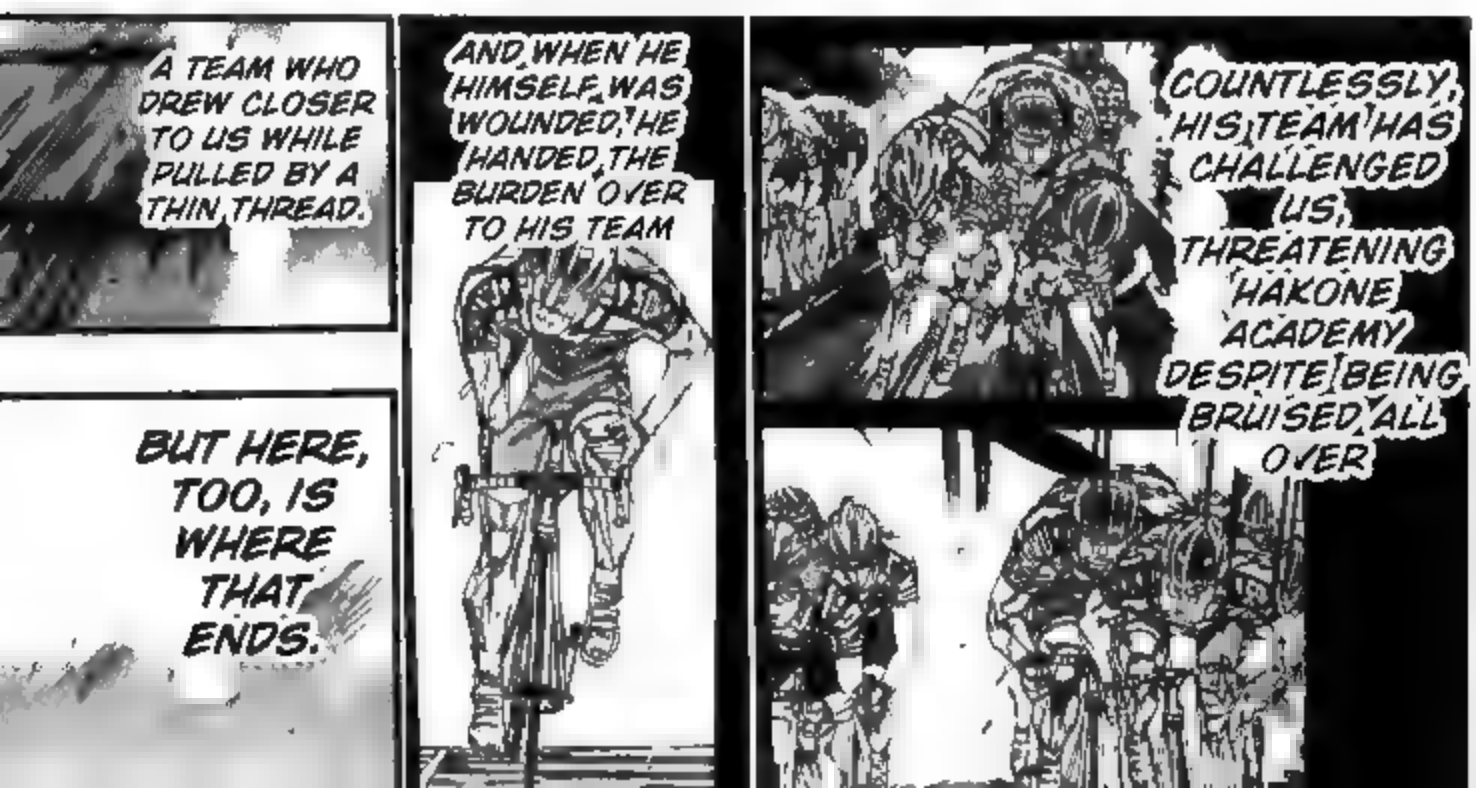
MANA-
MIIIII
!!
GOKU

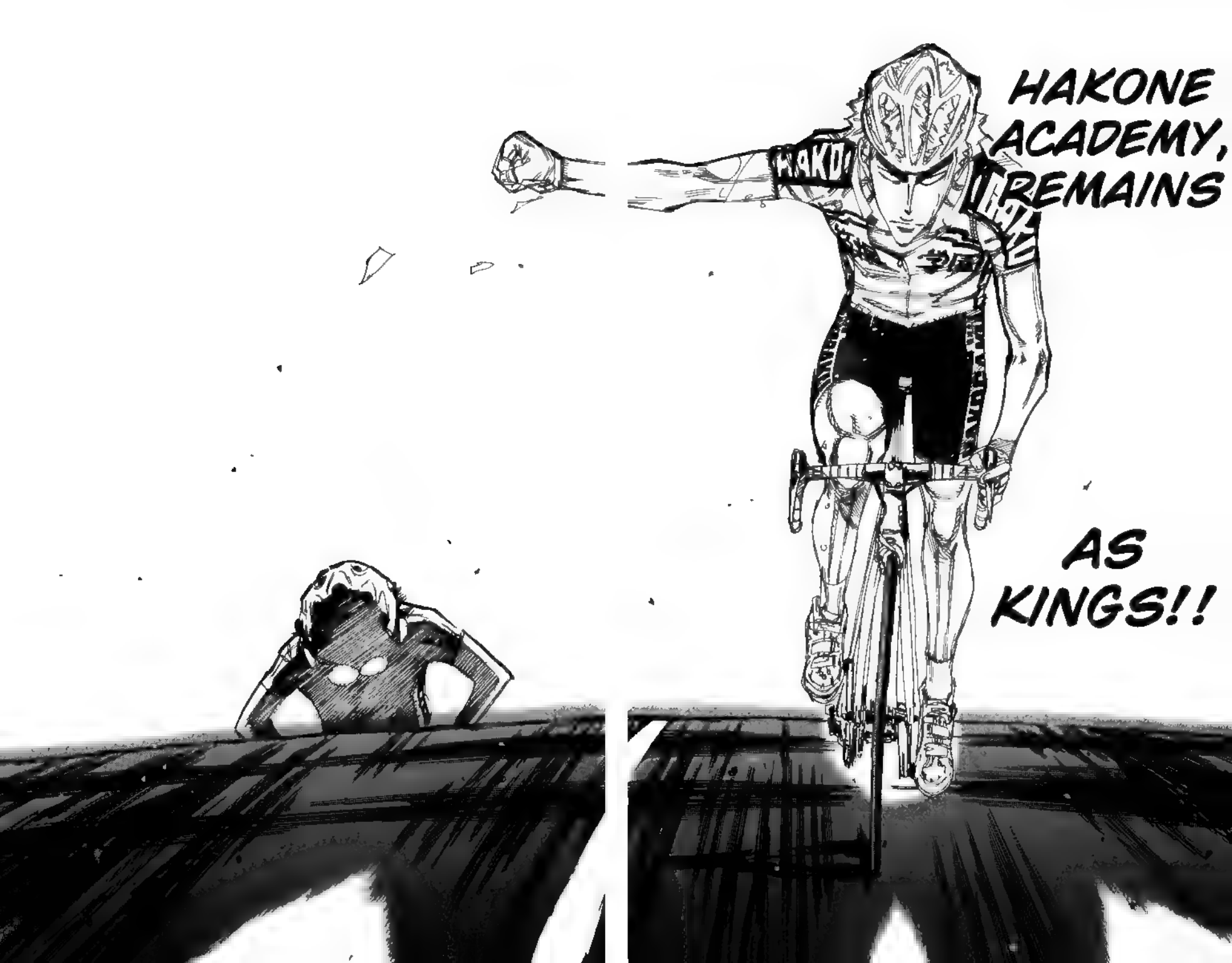
.....IT'S
OVER!!

HAKOGA

THIS RACE IS OVER!!!

OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT KINJOU WAS THE UNLUCKY ONE
THAT'S PART OF WHAT HAPPENS IN ROAD RACING... YOU WERE UNLUCKY, IMAIZUMI.
IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH HIS BIKE? HE COULDN'T REACT PROPERLY...


A TEAM WHO DREW CLOSER TO US WHILE PULLED BY A THIN THREAD.
AND WHEN HE HIMSELF WAS WOUNDED, HE HANDED THE BURDEN OVER TO HIS TEAM
COUNTLESSLY, HIS TEAM HAS CHALLENGED US, THREATENING HAKONE ACADEMY DESPITE BEING BRUISED ALL OVER
BUT HERE, TOO, IS WHERE THAT ENDS.


HAKONE
ACADEMY,
REMAINS
AS
KINGS!!

IKUZ..WA
拳
IT'S THE PRESSURE OF SOMEONE URGENT TO MOVE FOR-WARD!!
WA
THAT SENSE OF RISING PRESSURE ?
WHAT IS THAT?
!
MY HANDS ARE CLAMMY?! ME?!
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SOUTOKU
...!!
WHY

ARE YOU SMILING, SOHOKU?!
I KNEW
WOULD KEEP UP.
THAT YOU

SAKA-
MICHI
!!
MOVE
UP

SOHOK

NO

NO

NO

IS THAT...!!

"HE'S DANGER-OUS."

HIM?!
YOU STILL HAD HIM UP YOUR SLEEVE?
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2500 LEFT...
GO...

THE TOP HAS ONLY 2500 TO GO!

"THE TEAM THAT NEVER GIVES UP"
TEAM SOHOKU?!
KINJOU!!

"CLENCH"
SO-
HO-
KU
!!

I KNOW !!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT ?!
OKAY !!
GRAB IT!!
IT'S UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE WHEN TO MAKE A MOVE.
IT'S UP TO YOU TO STOP YOUR HANDS FROM SHAKING.
BUT DON'T WORRY
THERE'S ONLY ONE OF YOU
YEAH !!
WHO CAN CHASE AFTER MANAMI !!
RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE

THE BACK OF YOUR JERSEY IS CRAMMED WITH ALL OF OUR SUPPORT FOR YOU!!
SOHOKU
OKAY !!
WOOOH

CLIMB, ONODA SAKAMICHI !!